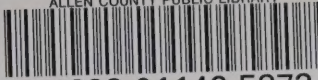


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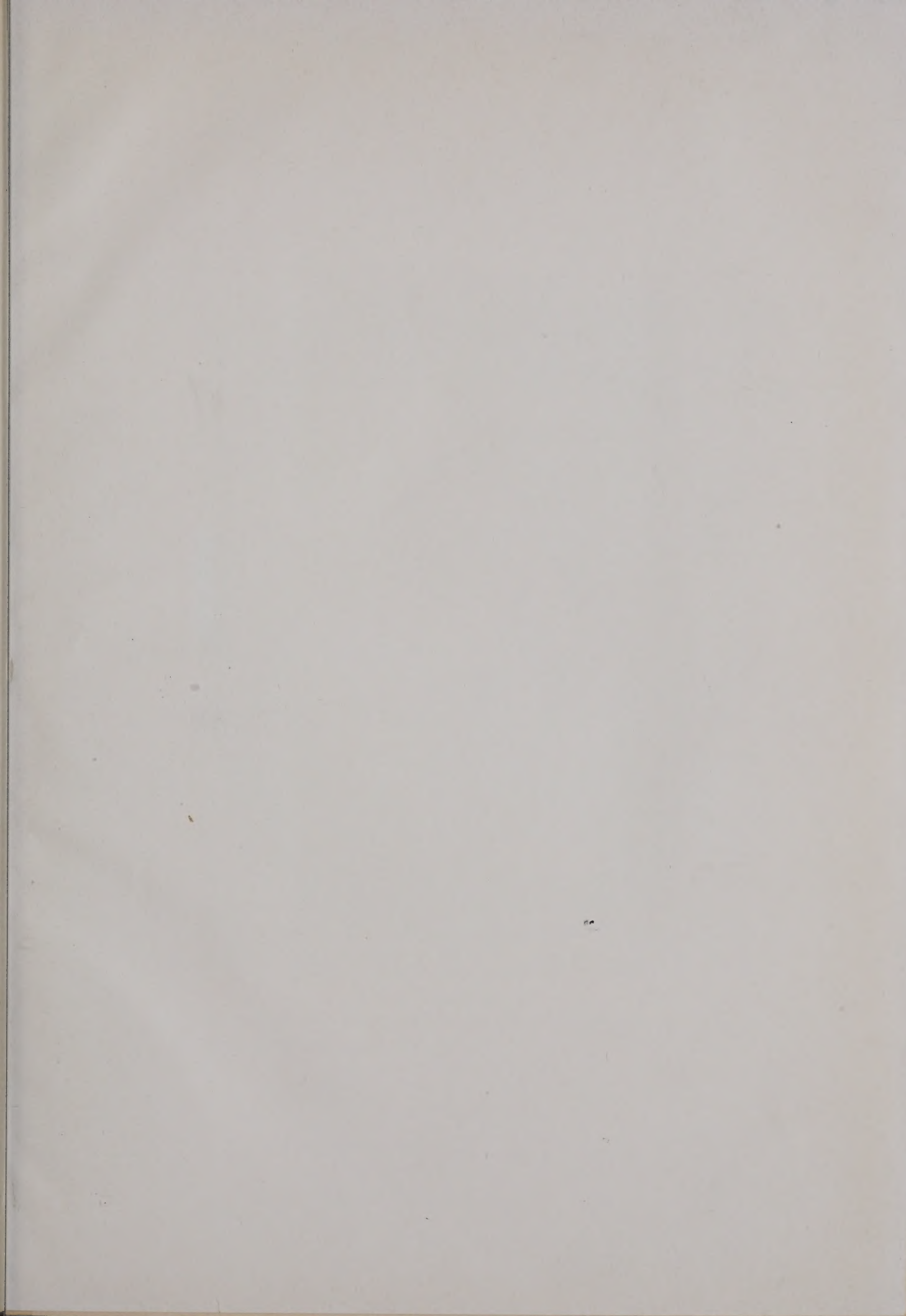
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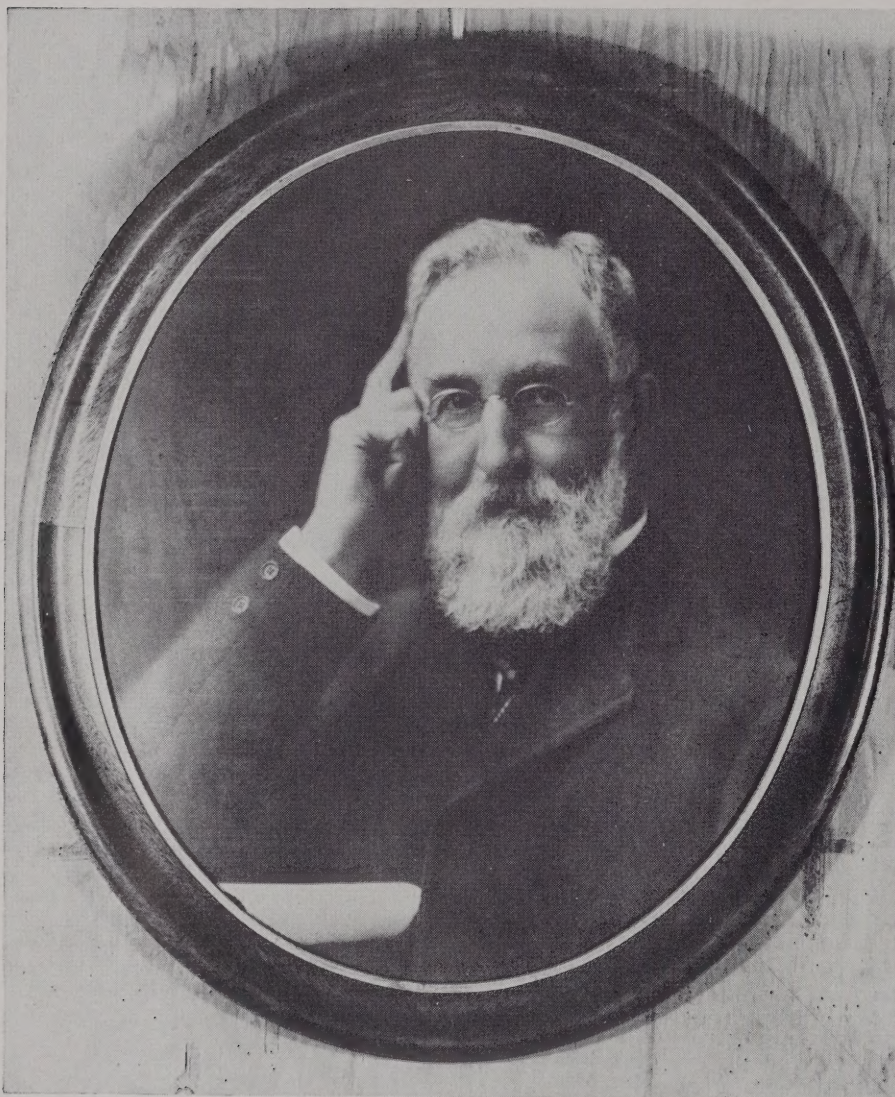


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DANIEL FREEMAN

Founder of Inglewood. Reproduced from original picture that hangs on the wall of the family home, Centinela.

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## Foreword

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Inglewood's background back to the days of the land grants from the governor of Alta California, through the days of the operation of these vast lands by subsequent and colorful owners, the early boom days of the 80's, founding of Inglewood, its first incorporation, the subsequent Freeholders Charter, and down through two world wars to the present day, are contained in the pages.

Although we are aware of a rich reservoir of early day recollections, all of which, of necessity, are not found in these pages, yet we are deeply grateful for those made available to us and to those who have made it possible to compile them.

The task of assembling and compiling this history has been an enlightening and enjoyable one, albeit a heavy responsibility, shared by many who have been so helpful in assisting us.

In addition to the Advisory Board, we wish to express a grateful acknowledgement to others who have aided in this record. These include City Clerk Leonard Fox, Don R. Lewis, Mrs. Edith Soman Fairbrother, Clifford G. Kreutz, Mrs. Dorothy Venables, Mrs. Grace Laxdal, Horace C. Follett, A. Fred Krause, Mrs. Lenore Campbell Eberle, Emerson M. Johnson, Jess J. Klein, City Recreation Director Ray Goates, Capt. Clarence Linfield of the Fire Department, Officer H. I. McKown of the Police Department, and numerous others.

From the horse and buggy days down to the present era of Inglewood as the "Harbor of the Air," the day of the atomic bomb and the square dance, it seems that Inglewood pioneers and those who have followed them, have built so well that, in the words of a slogan long officially in use here some years ago, and originated by Miss Constance Zillgitt, it always may be said that "Life Is Good in Inglewood."

Most of the photographs for the book were taken by Charlie Jacobs of the Lindburg Studio, and the commercial work was done by the Hessick Studio.

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# **Chapter I**

## **INGLEWOOD BEGINNINGS**

### **Cavaliers Come**

The 16th century de Lobeyra might have been writing about Inglewood when he fired the imagination of Spanish cavaliers with his stories of "a western island of fabulous wealth and beauty" which he called California, after the beautiful queen of a race of Amazons. Certainly no figment of the imagination, nor indeed any other section of this State, could offer more in beauty of unending variety than the vast, undulating expanse of rich land stretching from the Baldwin Hills to the Pacific.

And while Inglewood had no Amazons, its history has been glamorized by some very remarkable women. There was Catherine Grace Higginson Freeman, wife of Inglewood's founder and daughter of a British naval captain, who was to live with her husband and three children in the beautiful old adobe on Centinela Rancho only a little over one year, but who earns her place in this record as being the actual lessee from Sir Robert Burnett, Bart.

#### **GENERAL'S LADY**

Then there was Jessie Benton Fremont, daughter of a Missouri U. S. senator and wife of Gen. John Charles Fremont, who was to head this city's first big industry and partially to redeem, through her charm and business acumen, the fiasco of the free Fremont mansion in which no Fremont ever was to reside.

Or take Miss Anna L. Pinkerton, the "chicken queen," who was to waken Inglewood from its turn-of-the-20th-century-doldrums and transform it into a poultry colony. That trio alone should convince the reader that the story of Inglewood is an unusual one, steeped in romance and high adventure. And if any further proof were needed, there is Inglewood's present Chamber of Commerce manager, Mrs. Dorothy Dye, only woman in Southern California in a similar executive post.

Perhaps also should be included Mrs. Grace Freeman Howland, daughter of the old Rancho, and of its master, Inglewood founder, due to her many benefactions to this community.

Inglewood's history begins before the advent of the white man to California. Evidence remains of prehistoric animals being lured by the limpid waters of Centinela Springs. Skeleton remains of Imperial elephants and other creatures of the Pleistocene past, similar to those found in the famous La Brea pits, have been uncovered in the ancient river gravel of Centinela Park. Also, arrowheads and other Indian relics bear mute evidence that red men from a village near Playa del Rey were attracted to the springs. The springs, too, attracted the first Spanish-speaking settlers, for the testimony of old records is that from the beginning the people of the Pueblo of Los Angeles, established in 1781, used the Inglewood area in which to pasture their cattle.

## **Rancho Born**

In 1822, the same year that Mexican replaced Spanish rule in California, the first private concession of Inglewood land was made. A Los Angeles citizen, Antonio Ygnacio Abila (sometimes called Avila) was given permission by Captain Noriega, military commander at Santa Barbara, to build a corral and to pasture his stock on a place known as Sausal Redondo (Round Clump of Willows). The grant was made on the understanding that other Angelenos might have similar privileges for the same investment in labor. Abila was one of five sons of Cornelio Abila who had settled in Los Angeles in 1783 and the family adobe still stands in Olvera Street.

Abila built a home on his new grant as early as 1826, some records seem to indicate. Jose Antonio Carrillo, in a deposition before United States Land Commissioner Hiland Hall, November 12, 1852, said, "I know the land called Sausal Redondo and have known it for 32 years. This town (Los Angeles) has been in possession of it ever since I knew it. About 25 or 26 years ago the town lent the land to Antonio Ygnacio Abila . . . I know what was recognized as the boundaries of the rancho. It is bounded on one side by the land of Dominguez, on another by the sea-coast, on another by the land of the Machados and Thomas Sanchez and on another by the rancho called Cuervos. Abila had a house on the land, horses and cattle and cultivated the land. He had over 3,000 head of cattle and afterwards his stock was increased. The occupation of Abila and his children has continued to the present time. The house is a very good house and has been inhabited from the time the land was first occupied by Abila" . . .

### **CLAIM DISPUTED**

Abila claimed all of what is now Inglewood in his Rancho Sausal Redondo, but presently his claim was disputed by Ygnacio Machado. Senor Machado

began to cultivate the land of the Canada de la Centinela (Centinela Creek) in 1833. In three years he erected two houses, planted a vineyard, erected a corral and built a reservoir for irrigation purposes. In 1836, over the protests of Abila, the Ayuntamiento (City Council) of Los Angeles, through its committee on vacant lands, approved Senor Machado's action and gave him a provisional title to his ranch "without prejudicing the water places for the cattle and horses of the community of the City, as the City has not marked the commons belonging to it."

Abila's own title was confirmed by Juan B. Alvarado, governor of Alta California, in May of 1837. In September, 1844, Gov. Manuel Micheltoreno, in the name of the Mexican nation, gave Machado provisional title to Aguaje de la Centinela (Sentinel Springs) "from the spring 'Ojo de Aguar' to the Indian corn." Less than a year later, Machado traded his land to Bruno Abila, brother of Antonio, for a small tract in the Pueblo of Los Angeles with a vineyard, three-room house and two corrals. Thus two of the Abila brothers came into possession of roughly 25,000 acres of land upon which was to grow the flourishing city of Inglewood.

#### TITLE CONFIRMED

Bruno's title was confirmed in 1854 by the United States Board of Land Commissioners in 1852 and Antonio's in 1855. These were upheld by the United States District Court during President Grant's administration and government patents were issued. Patent for Aguaje de la Centinela, containing more than 2,200 acres, was dated August 23, 1872. That for Sausal Redondo's 22,500 acres was dated March 22, 1875.

Meanwhile, however, Bruno Abila had lost Rancho Centinela by sheriff's sale in 1857 after he had defaulted on a loan upon which he was to pay 72 per cent annual interest. In 1851, he had borrowed \$400 from James P. McFarland and John G. Downey, securing the loan with a mortgage covering his home and ranch. Later, he borrowed \$1,400 more, this time from Hilliard P. Dorsey.

### **Dorsey Wins Ranch**

Foreclosure was sought on all three mortgages but the Abilas were able to defeat McFarland and Downey on a technicality. Dorsey, however, won his suit and a \$3,300 judgment and decree of foreclosure was obtained. He bid in the ranch at the sheriff's sale for \$2,000 and six months later received the deed. His "bargain" brought him no happiness, however, for shortly after taking possession of the ranch, he was killed in a duel by his wife's father, "Uncle" Billy Rubottom, later famous as the owner of the Spadra Tavern.

Mrs. Dorsey, the widow, was relieved to be able to sell the property—after a series of disputes over boundaries and water privileges—to Francis J. Carpenter for the \$930 balance due on a contract for \$3,000 into which he had entered with her late husband. Carpenter almost immediately transferred the ranch over to Joseph Lancaster Brent, attorney, land title expert and the first president of the Los Angeles Board of Education.

### **Brent Handles Tricky Situation**

In his original agreement with Carpenter, Dorsey had agreed to “run off and dispossess of his own effort, one Fernando, a Frenchman, and son-in-law of Bruno Abila,” who had refused to give up possession. Attorney Brent quickly settled this problem by paying the son-in-law \$300 for a waiver of claims.

Brent, a Southerner by birth, had arrived in Southern California in 1850, bringing with him a fairly representative, but inadequate library. During 1855 and 1856, he served in the State Legislature and was so prominent in Democratic circles that it was said that he could nominate at will anyone whom he chose.

Among his clients were many prominent Mexicans. When trouble arose in 1851 between several members of the Lugo family and the Indians, finally resulting in an attempted assassination and the narrow escape from death of Judge Benjamin Hayes, who was associated with the prosecution of the case, several of the Lugos were tried for murder. Brent, whose defense led to their acquittal, received something like \$20,000 for his services.

This fee was in a time when the entire Los Angeles area supported only something like 15 attorneys of whom both Brent and Hayes were among the more prominent. “Judge” Hayes was an honorary title, in keeping with the custom of the time to so dub attorneys, whether or not they ever had known judiciary service.

#### **STREET HONORS BRENT**

Brent Street in Los Angeles was named after the Centinela Rancho owner and he also is remembered as the acquirer of most of Hugo Reid’s Indian library.

When the Civil War began, Brent returned immediately to his native South where he became a Confederate brigadier-general. One story has it that he was killed in Pickett’s charge at Gettysburg. However, Harris Newmark in his “Sixty Years in California” relates having seen Brent in New Orleans following the war. Brent, who had become a full general, told Newmark that he was arrested by Federal officers while on his way to the South from Los Angeles, but had escaped.

## **In Noble Hands**

Brent sold Centinela Rancho on November 16, 1860, to Sir Robert and Lady Matilda Burnett of Crathes Castle, Leys, County of Kincardine, Scotland, for exactly the \$3,000 he had paid. And Antonio Avila's heirs sold Rancho Sausal Redondo to the same couple for approximately \$30,000. For their home, the Burnetts chose the Bruno Avila adobe, west of the springs and overlooking the Canada de la Centinela, and from this cool retreat—which still stands—Sir Robert directed his vast sheep and cattle raising activities. He called his holdings Centinela Ranch and operated it for 13 years, until he was called back to Scotland by illness.

## **Daniel Freeman Arrives**

Meanwhile, Daniel Freeman, a Canadian, had arrived in Southern California with his wife and small children, drawn here by reading Charles Nordhoff's "California: For Health, Pleasure and Residence." Freeman, in search of a place where his wife's health might be improved, decided to lease the ranch, agreeing to a \$7,500 yearly rental with an option to buy for \$150,000. This man, who was to be Inglewood's founder, was a modest, unassuming person. He was born in Norfolk, Ontario, on June 20, 1837, into a family that was English on the paternal side and French, Irish and Scotch on the maternal.

By the time he was 15, young Freeman was at the head of his class in school and teaching other students. Three years later, he was awarded a certificate and became a full-time teacher. At 21, he was articled to a relative in Hamilton, Ontario, where he studied five years and earned the degree of barrister-at-law. He opened offices as an attorney in Simcoe, Canada.

### **MARRIAGE TOLD**

He married Catherine Grace Higginson in 1866 and that same year formed a partnership with Col. D. T. Tisdale, Q.C.M.P. Later, the Freemans, with their two small sons, moved to Port Burwell on Lake Erie, where the young attorney engaged in harbor development, shipbuilding and iron ore production. By 1872, Mrs. Freeman was in poor health because of the cold climate around Lake Erie and the family decided to move south. En route to Jamaica, Freeman bought the book previously referred to, on the train and the travelers came instead to California, stopping first in San Francisco. Here a severe winter caused them to move on early in 1873 to Los Angeles.

Freeman inspected a number of Southern California ranches, some in the San Gabriel and others in the San Fernando Valley. When he inspected Centi-

nela, he was won at once by the cool sea air which he felt would benefit Mrs. Freeman's health, the rolling hills, the fertile canadas, the abundant springs and the view of the Santa Monica Mountains. The land was leased in Mrs. Freeman's name with the right to buy later.

When a girl, Mrs. Howland used to drive all over the ranch behind her favorite mare Dolly and a snappy two-wheeled cart which the young mistress of the ranch called a "tick-tack."

#### FOUNDER AS MAN

The founder of Inglewood amassed a fortune and became a philanthropist. He raised some of the finest horses in this area. During his lifetime he planted and cared for thousands of trees. When a severe drought brought heavy losses to him along with other Southern California livestock raisers, he had the foresight to abandon it and turned instead to dry farming. Inglewood children called him "the Daniel" and borrowed his tallyho to attend dances at Playa del Rey. He was the second president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and a founder and charter director of the California Club.

When he entertained, his guest lists included such personages as the Baron and Baroness Roquist, Governor and Mrs. Stoneman, General and Mrs. Fremont, General Nelson A. and Mrs. Miles, Senator and Mrs. Cole, Col. Downey Harvey and Judge and Mrs. Ellis.

The Freeman's children were Archibald Christie, Charles and Grace Elizabeth Isabella. The last named, now Mrs. Grace Howland, survives as does a granddaughter, Mrs. Alice Cruz Miles, and also a great granddaughter, Miss Christie Cruz Miles.

#### FOUNDER AS FARMER

When he took over the rancho, Freeman stocked it with sheep and horses and planted 1,500 eucalyptus and pepper trees, 7,000 orange trees, 1,000 lemons, 2,000 almonds, 400 limes and 300 olive trees. By 1880, the rancho was raising 1,000,000 bushels of barley a year and it was being shipped all over North America and to London. Freeman purchased a part of the ranch for \$22,243 in 1882 and the final title was transferred in 1885 for \$140,000. Eleven thousand acres of this land which he purchased for \$6.50 an acre, he was to resell just two years later for \$125 an acre to the Centinela-Inglewood Land Company, plus two-fifths of any profits that might be made through its subdivision and sale.



#### FREEMAN FAMILY HOMES

Upper left: "Old Adobe" ranch house of Rancho Aguaje de la Centinela in the 80's.

Lower left: "Old Adobe" in recent years.

(Photos by Lindburg Studios)

Upper right: "Centinela," the mansion built by Daniel Freeman, as seen in 1893.  
(Photographed by Wm. E. Hessick from Mrs. Howland Collection)

Lower right: The same mansion today, with its grounds, now usually known as "the Howland estate," the residence of Mrs. Grace Freeman Howland, only daughter of Inglewood's founder. In addition to her many, usually unheralded, benefactions to this community, resulting in her being known to many as "Inglewood's Lady Beautiful," she plans to bequeath the residence for use as a home for the sisters who will operate a Catholic Hospital to be erected on the grounds.

(Photo by Wm. E. Hessick)



## **Chapter II**

### **INGLEWOOD, THE VILLAGE**

#### **Ambition Outruns Practicality**

It was only the more discerning would-be Southern Californian in the grand and glorious real estate boom year of 1887 who noted and acted upon the relatively conservative advertising offering property in Inglewood among the more grandiloquent publicity extolling the advantages of such budding "cities" as Traver, Ivanhoe, Ramona, Vineland and Walteria.

Not that Inglewood's sponsors were reticent exactly in their claims. Their advertisements in the Los Angeles newspapers offered, not only free carriages to transport prospective purchasers to the site where "no one who has seen Inglewood, who has the wherewith, that has not bought," but also pointed out that "on a clear day" Santa Catalina Island could be glimpsed from its environs. Its climate, according to the advertisements of the period was—not unusual, as is all Southern California weather today—but "delicious"!

#### **WATER AN ADVANTAGE**

More important, Inglewood could offer the bountiful, pure, flowing water of Centinela Springs, via "magnificent" artesian wells, and "lumber and brick at cost," it being an inflated period for building supplies. So, lumber at \$25 per thousand brought enough takers so that by 1888 the Inglewood developers could boast "a number of residences, brick and frame stores, livery stable, lodging house and many more projected for the near future."

#### **GRAVELED ROADS**

One of the earliest actions of the Centinela-Inglewood Land Company, organized in 1887, was to petition the County Board of Supervisors for the graveling of roads from Los Angeles to Inglewood which it claimed were impassable. Wild hogs roamed the district. A deer had been killed close by early that year and there was a wilderness of 40-foot willows at what is now the corner of Imperial Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard.

## **Townsite Platted**

A plat of the townsite of Inglewood, designed by William Hammond Hall, was filed the morning of August 20, 1888, by E. J. Cox, after a survey made the previous August and September by Paul Riecker and Oscar Huber.

Cox was secretary of the land firm and one of the six principal stockholders in the \$1,000,000 corporation owned by 14 men. Among others prominent in the concern were Dan McFarland, N. R. Vail, Charles Silent, S. J. Rose, E. C. Webster, S. T. Garnsey and W. N. Monroe. The city of Monrovia subsequently was named for the latter.

### **PURPOSES TOLD**

Purposes of the corporation, as announced in its articles, were to purchase, hold, subdivide and sell land, real property "and interests and estates, therein including water, water rights, ditches, rights of way and all easements." The corporation—which ended in 1890—was to exist for 50 years and expressly reserved the right to use any and all streets for transportation lines of all types, or to grant such rights to "other persons until there is created a municipal corporation (other than the County of Los Angeles), with power to grant and regulate such rights of way."

So far as transportation already was concerned, Inglewood was on the California Central Railway, providing perfect conditions for the establishment of a new town.

### **ADVERTISING PAYS**

The land company, with eight real estate men handling property in the new subdivision, in 1888 spent more than \$20,000 advertising the name and prospects of Inglewood throughout the nation, refusing to recognize the collapse of the Southern California real estate boom earlier that year.

General John Charles Fremont, explorer and conqueror of California, was asked to accept a home here for the prestige value of his magic name. Entertainment of many prominent writers and the use of innumerable excursion trains, were other promotional ideas used in campaigns which would make the modern Hollywood press agent turn green with envy.

### **TYPICAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Typical was this official announcement of the Centinela-Inglewood Land Company:

"Inglewood is ready to welcome the homeseeker. She offers many attractions that are not to be found elsewhere. She is near Los Angeles. She is near the

Pacific Ocean—so near that on quiet evenings the roar of the surf beating on its shore can be heard in the town. Her streets are wide thoroughfares, well-graded and lined with shade trees.

"Her water supply is piped to and from an immense reservoir. A public park, irregular in shape, but following the bend of a creek flowing the year 'round with spring water, winds through the heart of the town and divides it into two parts.

"Her educational facilities are to be of the best character and she is to have in her midst a richly endowed College of Applied Science, the building of which is to be commenced this Spring. She is the center of a farming region comprising about 11,000 acres of very fertile soil.

"She is going to grow into a large, beautiful and prosperous town. Town lots and farms in and near Inglewood are to be bought cheap today. They will never be cheaper for Inglewood is not a town on paper."

#### PROSPECTS OUTLINED

For several months in 1888, a full column of small type ran in the Inglewood "Star" outlining the city's prospects and quoting prices, which varied from \$200 an acre, for section or half-section tracts, to \$1,500 for a single lot in the orchard tract, with interest on deferred payments at 8 per cent per annum.

The copy pointed out that Inglewood sites could be purchased for one-tenth the prices of Los Angeles locations and houses "as beautiful as any in the city" erected at half the cost because of the special lumber and brick rates prevailing here.

"The prospects of Inglewood as a place of commercial importance are great," the advertisement continued, after pointing out that the Los Angeles business man living in Inglewood could be near the city by the rapid transit of the California Central. "It is a railroad junction, and it has surrounding it 200 square miles of fertile lands, of which it will be the business emporium. It will be the Pasadena of the southwest quarter of the county."

#### PUBLISHER A BOOSTER

The "Star" supported the real estate development in its editorial, as well as its advertising, columns. Col. Henry Shaw, editor, expressed his belief in the aggressiveness of Southern California real estate men in an editorial dealing with international affairs of the moment.

"Empress Victoria," he wrote of the British ruler, "is said to be using every means to overthrow Bismarck," then German prime minister and noted as the chief proponent of the expansion of German "Kultur" as the best on earth. "Let her back any Los Angeles real estate broker to meet him in a

wrestling match, catch-as-catch-can, and we warrant the venerable lady will succeed in her object."

Colonel Shaw was himself one of the nine realty brokers in addition to the land company handling the Inglewood boom. William H. Kelso of the Pasadena firm of Kelso, Thomas and Company, who later settled in Inglewood and became its first mayor, was another. The Los Angeles brokers of the period handling Inglewood real estate included W. H. Hardy, Chas. Dabney and Co., Kirkpatrick and McKee, Ozro W. Childs and Charles Silent, Geo. E. Pratt and Frank P. Flint, Johnson and Fowler, and Bowen Rogers and Company.

### **Population Reaches 300**

Inglewood's maximum population during this era was 300. Telephones were in use but there was neither gas nor electricity. In this connection, Horace (Dick) Hannington tells an interesting experience that happened to his family which settled in this community in 1909, almost two decades after the boom.

"Dad read an ad in the Sunday 'Times'," Hannington recalls about his father, the late R. Hannington, "which just said, 'Acre for sale at corner of Tamarack and carline, \$1,100 cash.' After Dad bought it, I came out to have a look at said acre. It was planted with sugar beets as large as our heads. After looking it over, I wondered what had happened to Dad's head. Anyway, he started right in to build a nice house on it which was the second one down that way, the first being Mr. Hatherell's on the corner of Tamarack and Arbor Vitae.

"After clearing the land, we planted it to nice trees and shrubs and lived there as happily as could be. Of course we had no gas nor electricity, but Dad looked forward to getting one or the other some day. So he had gas and electric fixtures placed all through the house. After chopping wood and bringing in coal every night for a number of years, Dad got busy with the Gas Company and paid them \$200 to have gas piped from Commercial and Tamarack to our house which was a long block away.

"When the gas man came to place the meter, the little hand spun around so fast he started to investigate and found none of the joints in the gas pipe had been tightened. When the plumber who had done the piping was called in, he explained that he had not tightened the joints because he felt that a waste of time. He never dreamed we would have gas as long as we lived."

### **Inglewood Welcomes Writers**

Entertaining distinguished writers in 1888 paid off, as their effusions about Inglewood were read 'round the world. The July 28 "Star" reported, "A German

countess this week bought and paid cash for five acres in Inglewood" and a few weeks later reported the removal from Manchester to this community of an English family named Fairclough.

Hubert Howe Bancroft, the famous California historian, wrote in his "Chronicles" after a visit, "Inglewood lies midway between Los Angeles and the ocean, and has the full benefit of sea air. The scenery is grand and charming. It is in the midst of a broad, undulating country from which the ocean, Catalina Island, and Los Angeles are visible. The Coast and Sierra Madre ranges appear like vast cloud banks in the northeastern sky, and in the distance, the peaks of San Bernardino and San Jacinto look as if Pelion had been piled on Ossa. The outflow of purest water in the Centinela spring is a million gallons daily, and with little expense it may be quadrupled. The orchard, as it is called, is one of the most attractive groves in the country."

#### FACTS NOT SO ROMANTIC

The visiting authors did not mention that in many parts of town the streets were laid out with a plow. That merchants built their own wooden sidewalks. That otherwise there were no sidewalks nor curbs outside the orchard tract. That Colonel Shaw and his family were among those living in a tent colony. Nor even the more appropriately romantic fact that it was a beautiful pair of greys that hauled the water wagon with which a Mr. Honaker sprinkled the streets.

Nor could those writers or anyone else foresee that following the collapse of the boom early in 1888, the College of Applied Science which was to be affiliated with the University of Southern California would progress no further than the foundation. That the beautiful hotel which was to be the city's principal landmark would not be furnished. That the new livery stable would become the first school and social hall. That General Fremont never would live in the eight-room residence which Inglewood's promoters erected and presented him. Remains of the old college foundation still are encountered when making excavations in the 1200 block of Park Avenue.

### **Fremont House**

Business kept General Fremont in Washington and his wife first rented, and later sold, the house at 111 North Eucalyptus Avenue with its two fireplaces, bath with patent appliances, hot and cold water pipes in the kitchen and gas fixtures "in the event of Inglewood ever having gas works," in the words of a "Star" reporter.

Before the gift house was constructed, Mrs. Fremont, the former Jessie Benton, daughter of U. S. Senator Benton of Missouri, had become head of the Inglewood and Los Angeles Floral Company. Mrs. Fremont and Miss Harriet Kelsey, secretary of the exclusively feminine \$50,000 corporation, were given the use of 180 acres in Nethermead Park on which to raise cut flowers, nursery stock and flower seeds for the Los Angeles market. "The 'Star' printed several stories about this. Nethermead Park was planted to the most extensive flower beds in Southern California, along Centinela Creek from Centinela Avenue to one block west of the depot."

The largest flower beds in Southern California were planted by the company and Jessie Fremont soon became well nigh as famous as her famous and popular husband.

### **Inglewood Hotel**

The Inglewood Hotel occupied an entire block from Queen Street to Manchester Boulevard (then Pimiento Street), and from Commercial Street (now La Brea Avenue) to Market. The first floor was occupied by a foyer featuring a grand staircase, a huge dining room, reception parlors, a smoking room and a billiard parlor. Thirty-one rooms, arranged in suites, were on the second floor, and there was a spacious veranda around three sides of the 117-foot long building. Steam heat, gas lighting, electric call bells and hot and cold water were installed, while palms and evergreens were planted about the grounds.

Occasional dances were held in the dining room of the unfurnished hotel, but it was not occupied until the second floor suites were rented as unfurnished apartments mostly to the Dunkards, or German Baptist Brethren, whose pastor occupied one end of the building.

### **College of Applied Sciences**

The College of Applied Sciences was to have been an even more impressive edifice than the hotel. Plans called for a two-story and basement structure covering a 200-foot frontage, while wing projections were to range from 125 to 150 feet in depth. Patterned after the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in design, scope and practice, its president was to be Dr. M. M. Bovard who already held that post at the University of Southern California.

Col. Daniel Freeman had provided for the payment of his endowment of \$200,000 and the land company had contributed an additional \$50,000 in cash, as well as deeding ten acres for the campus and 500 choice lots, proceeds from the sale of which were to be applied to the endowment fund.

### STAKES DRIVEN

On May 4, 1888, the trustees—Charles Silent, E. F. Spence, R. M. Widney, H. Sinsabaugh, Dr. Bovard and Colonel Freeman—Governor Lionel Sheldon, William H. Hardy, William H. Kelso and the architects, attended a simple ceremony at which stakes were driven to mark the boundaries of the college building. Governor Sheldon predicted a prosperous career for this important educational institution.

The "Star" of the following day announced plans for excavating to start the following week. It also referred to elaborate cornerstone-laying ceremonies to follow later. But with financial difficulties, work was suspended time after time, the foundations were not completed until the fall, while the actual building never began.

### Depot Brings Rejoicing

The completion, however, of the red frame railroad station, since famous from frequent appearances in motion pictures, brought cause for rejoicing and a stirring celebration early in 1888. The California Central Railway that spring had been extended to Port Ballona, the harbor at Playa del Rey, while another branch was laid to Redondo Beach, making Inglewood an important junction.

An oil painting of the old station as it originally appeared recently has been completed by Delmer Yoakum, local artist and war veteran who already has achieved considerable fame.

Most of the newspaper editors of Los Angeles and vicinity were invited on the grand excursion which opened the line to Redondo Beach. An account of the affair appearing in "The Cactus," an illustrated weekly, on April 14, reported that among distinguished guests were General and Mrs. Fremont, General Nelson A. Miles, famed Indian fighter, and Thomas Nast, the cartoonist.

### Brick Kilns

Progress for the city was marked the same year by the decision to locate the Continuous Brick Kiln Company here and its 130-foot high tower soon became symbolic of the city's financial progress. Incorporated for \$50,000, the kilns had an annual capacity of 90,000,000 bricks.

### Early Mail Service

By June of 1888, postal service became a major issue in Inglewood, the previous custom being for any resident who happened to be in Los Angeles to

collect the town mail from the postoffice and bring it out. That mail which was not distributed on the train or platform, customarily was deposited at George Robbins' general merchandise store for safekeeping and further distribution.

The merchant evolved the plan of sending an agent daily to Los Angeles to bring all the Inglewood mail to his store. That plan worked satisfactorily for awhile until the agent refused to hand over a letter to the addressee outside of the emporium. The fist fight which followed caused such a furor that the land company agent, a Mr. Rollins, was made responsible for all mail distribution.

#### SOME DISSATISFIED

Twenty residents, however, were dissatisfied with this arrangement and petitioned the Los Angeles postmaster who ruled that all Inglewood mail would be held at his office unless a written order was received from the addressee. More than 100 men promptly sent such orders, rented a box and thereafter sent for their mail daily.

October brought a mail problem of major proportions when President Cleveland appointed Robbins to be postmaster of "Centinela." Protestants about the name charged Robbins with having accepted "Centinela" in order to assure his own appointment. The excitement died down, however, when the name was later changed to Inglewood.

### **First School Opens**

The year 1888 also was noteworthy in Inglewood because May 21 marked the first day of school. Miss Minnie Walker, a graduate of Los Angeles Normal School, was the first teacher. Thirty-three children were enrolled in a new livery stable until the school building could be erected. Charles Story, F. E. Palmer and W. W. Walker were members of the first school board.

School reopened on September 24 with forty-four pupils, the same teacher and in the same livery stable which was placed in order by nailing canvas over the doors to keep out the draft, and screwing the desks to the floor.

#### TOWN MEETING CALLED

Meanwhile, parents had been working on the school problem. A town meeting was held on May 31 to name new trustees and earlier that month an election was announced for June 13 to consider the question of voting a \$10,000 bond issue to build the school house.

"Bucephalus Hall," as the livery stable-classroom was known upon social occasions, was the scene of the town meeting. The meat market owner, a farmer and the carpenter each provided a kerosene lamp. Mrs. Henry G. Shaw, wife of the "Star" editor, Charles Story and W. W. Scott were nominated as trustees.

The proposed bond issue passed on the appointed day and a week later things were in an uproar because the land company suggested that it was ready to execute a deed to Block 334 for the school building site, that, "upon the first survey of the townsite" had been set apart for that purpose.

#### LOCATION CAUSES FUROR

A bitter battle raged between those who wished the school located at Block 334 and those who championed Block 14 at the opposite side of town. Acceptance of Block 216 by both factions effected a compromise.

Work began on the two-story brick schoolhouse on October 25 on a bid of \$8,889.88. Within two weeks of completion, the structure went up in flames and was a total loss. Many residents were convinced that the fire was incendiary, but no one was prosecuted.

Colonel Freeman is believed to have supplied the funds with which the school building was quickly rebuilt. It lasted until 1911 when it was torn down.

### First Church Services

Inglewood's first church service was held on April 22, 1888, in the parlor of Mrs. Belden's Boarding House, with Rev. H. P. Case, state superintendent of Congregational Sunday Schools, officiating. Later the Congregational congregation moved to Bucephalus Hall where the Methodist Episcopal Church also began services in October. Arrangements were made between the two churches to preclude time conflicts and the livery stable was in continuous use on Sundays as a place of worship.

### Early Social Life

Meanwhile, social life in Inglewood evolved around singing school, croquet matches and spelling bees.

### First Politics

Inglewood also began its political career in 1888 with the appointment in April of F. B. Mitchell as deputy county clerk "to attend to the registration of electors." That August, A. M. Rollins was sworn in as a deputy sheriff after the town's ornamental cannon had been blown to bits in a boyish prank.

## **Early Water Supply**

Although Centinela Springs was Inglewood's principal natural asset, the water supply demanded much attention from the Land Company, which by May, 1888, had provided 11 miles of ditches and laid iron pipes in every street. Near the crystal clear artesian springs, the water was diverted into small reservoirs and pumped almost a mile to a 1,000,000-gallon reservoir.

The Inglewood-Centinela Land Company sold the water to the town's consumers at the same rates as those paid in Los Angeles. After Governor Lionel A. Sheldon was elected president of the board of directors of the company, in the reorganization that followed the death of Vail, he extended the ditch to the southern line of the Centinela ranch, distributing water to a thousand more acres.

A later version of these ditches was inspiration years later for an amusing incident related by Roy A. Bush, pioneer who settled in Inglewood in 1914. Immediately following the 1920 earthquake, Bush recalls hearing a woman, a stranger-sightseer who had come to view the damage, remark: "Oh, my, look what a straight ditch the earthquake made! You wouldn't believe it possible," when she noted an excavation for a water main between Regent and Queen Streets.

### **WATER COMPANY FORMED**

The progress of Inglewood has been interwoven from the beginning with its supply of clear, pure water. So the decision of Harry Lee Martin, Louise Garrett and Archie Freeman, son of Colonel Freeman, to form the Inglewood Water Company in 1903 had more than ordinary significance.

Martin and Garrett had been schoolmates of Freeman who had been given by his father the water plant which had served Centinela Rancho and about 1,500 acres of vacant land around what is now Inglewood, most of it thought to be water-bearing. The three young men had opened Los Angeles offices in the Wilcox Building and when it was decided to purchase the water works and land from young Freeman, they assembled Charles Lloyd, James Cook and Willoughby Rodman and consummated the deal.

For the next few years, however, there was little activity. The old reservoir was unkempt and the water came to be considered considerably less than desirable for human consumption.

### **NEW COMPANY FORMED**

This led in 1905 to the formation of a Citizens Water Company by a group of well-known residents who sunk a well on the William H. Kelso prop-

erty. The venture was ill-fated, however, as the water had a sulphur content. The company was absorbed in 1907 by the Inglewood Water Company.

Meanwhile, J. Warren Lane had been sent out from Los Angeles the previous year to close out the nursery stock and greenhouses of the Los Angeles-Inglewood Floral Company, owned by the Inglewood Water Company. By March of 1907, Lane had accomplished this purpose and was ready to leave Inglewood, when he was persuaded to become general manager and superintendent of the Inglewood Water Company. It was under his direction that the 343 services in and around Inglewood were increased to more than 6,000 consumers and the company established the first gas plant, later to be acquired by the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation and finally merged with the Southern California Gas Company.

### HISTORY TOLD

When Lane took over the management of the Water Company, it had 343 services in and around Inglewood, only three of which were located south of Arbor Vitae Street. Lane went to work with a vengeance. He personally made repairs and improvements at the various pumping stations, and worked night and day to modernize and improve the installations. At the peak of its business the company served more than 6,000 consumers in an area extending from Fifty-second Street and Arlington Avenue in Los Angeles to what is now Imperial Highway in Lennox.

Lane's first office was located in Correll's plumbing shop on Commercial Street (now La Brea Avenue), about two doors south of the Inglewood Mercantile Company. He remained in these quarters for two weeks and then moved into a 6 x 8-foot office across the street, near the site of the present Inglewood "Daily News" office, in a building that had formerly been a real estate shack. He remained there, conducting the company's business, until a new office was built at the northwest corner of Regent and Market Streets. The company moved from there to a building on East Queen Street directly in the rear of the Security-First National Bank, which had been built expressly for this purpose.

It was while occupying these quarters that Lane engaged in the job printing business for himself, finally selling his private printing business in order that he could devote more time to the affairs of the water company. Purchasers of the printing business required the entire space, and so Lane induced Henry J. Anderson to erect the one-story brick building across from the city hall, and here the affairs of the water company were conducted until it went out of business upon being acquired by the city of Inglewood.

## **Chapter III**

### **INGLEWOOD, THE POULTRY COLONY**

#### **Chickens Come Home**

The Mauve Decade held nothing gay for Inglewood as the little village which had known such spectacular plans and ambitious dreams settled down to the quiet pursuits of a town its size. In 1896, Occidental College, whose buildings had burned, offered to move to Inglewood and would guarantee an attendance of 150 students in three years. In return, all it asked was the donation of the hotel site and a few choice residential lots. Perhaps soured by the fiasco of the College of Applied Science, the townspeople shortsightedly turned down the offer.

During 1890-1900, business lots on both Market and Commercial Streets sold outright for \$100, while hundreds of residential locations could have been had then for the few dollars due on delinquent taxes.

Then "the chickens came home to roost" in Inglewood and brought a new lease of life to the city, instead of the deserved retribution that phrase usually indicates.

#### **WATER COMPANY PROMOTION**

A development of the Inglewood Water Company to utilize 300 acres of land, the Poultry Colony, began in 1905. That summer, the Water Company decided to subdivide a part of this acreage and dispose of it in small parcels for poultry raising. California was importing about \$3,000,000 worth of eggs and poultry annually, so there was an obvious field for chicken-raising expansion, and the land in question seemed ideally suited to such effort.

#### **"Lady" Expert**

Anna L. Pinkerton, a White Wyandotte expert, who is widely credited with the success of the poultry colony, declared, "I consider California the natural home of birds. Think of it! The middle of winter and my little baby chicks (two weeks old) sunning themselves in the grass. I am convinced that condi-

tion about Inglewood cannot possibly be improved upon for breeding and raising poultry, and to further prove my convictions I am now building there a model and up-to-date poultry plant devoted to my favorite White Wyandottes. My ambition is to found a poultry colony at Inglewood and make it a poultry center in every sense of the word, for as it can be readily seen the members of a community established along these lines can derive the benefits of cheaper poultry supplies with the additional advantage of increased prices for their stock and eggs.

"So far as I know, cooperation of this kind has never been attempted in a poultry way."

#### PRICES GOOD

The price of eggs at this time ranged from 45 cents per dozen during November and December, to 20 cents in the spring, occasionally dropping to 15 cents for a few weeks. Settings of 13 hatching eggs, however, easily brought \$1 to \$5.

Associated with Miss Pinkerton, whose photograph in a 1906 booster pamphlet shows her to be young, determined-looking and with a man's tie and stiff collar on her shirtwaist, in the "White Wyandotte" farm in North Inglewood were Harry Lee Martin, manager of the Inglewood Water Company and the 1,450 acres of the Inglewood Nurseries, Jesse M. Greene, Charles E. Lloyd, James Cook, Harry S. Duffield and Edmund Gardiner.

### Population Nearly 1,000

The booster pamphlet claims "about one thousand" as the 1906 population of Inglewood and points out that in 1903 it was only 500. Harold M. Beal prepared the booklet and D. Strickland illustrated it.

The book referred to "good wagon roads" between Inglewood and its neighboring cities, pointed out that the town—in point of time—was nearer to Los Angeles than was Hollywood, and stressed the excellent and economical passenger and freight facilities. "A number of factories have already located here," the book adds, "and several large concerns have been turned away recently because of the nature of the business. Thus breweries, chemical works and the like may look elsewhere."

#### SIXTY TELEPHONES

Inglewood by now had 60 telephone subscribers and its famous eucalyptus and poplar trees were from 60 to 70 feet high. Pepper trees in the middle of

some streets overhung nearly to the sidewalk of which there were six miles in cement. Water rates were less than those of Los Angeles. A "well-located" acre of land could be bought for as little as \$300 and lots began at \$200. "New families are moving in almost daily and many more are planning to locate here as soon as they can dispose of property in the East."

The Presbyterian, Methodist and Brethren churches were represented. There was a well-equipped, graded grammar school and the Inglewood Union High School District was "about to erect a fine \$35,000 building."

#### NO DRINKING ALLOWED

"There are no saloons in Inglewood," ran another statement in the book, almost a score of years after the Centinela Inglewood Land Company had made as its only deed restriction carrying as a reversionary clause that very prohibition. The land was transferred, "To have and hold subject to the following . . . conditions running with the land, to-wit: The party of the second part doth hereby covenant, promise and agree . . . that the said party, . . . his heirs and assigns will not sell, dispose of, nor deliver . . . upon said premises or lands any spirituous or intoxicating liquors, wine, ale, porter, beer, or other intoxicant, and will not suffer or permit any liquor or beer saloon, bar-room or other place for the sale or disposal of any such articles to be opened, kept or maintained upon said premises, and that any breach of such covenant shall forfeit all the estate of the party of the second part'."

### **Inglewood, the Brick Center**

By 1906, Inglewood had three brick factories and still another similar company was reported as negotiating for a location. The three established factories employed 125 men and turned out from 100,000 to 200,000 bricks daily. The brick was shipped by wagon to Los Angeles and by rail throughout Southern California and Arizona.

"The town is fortunate in having its business interests in the hands of young, able, public-spirited men, and also in the fact that the business houses are most of them centrally located in comfortable brick buildings," the booklet continued. "Not a single place of business is struggling for existence—all are making fair profits, and some are little gold mines, not for sale at any price."

Among these prosperous merchants was George Zillgitt, grocer, who had been in business two years in 1906. Established in a "handsome new building on Commercial Street (now La Brea Avenue), this firm already had built up 'a nice trade in groceries, hardware, poultry supplies, netting and feed of all

kinds.' The Inglewood Mercantile Company, which handled groceries and dry goods, was managed by H. H. Zillgitt and L. O. Calkins and was housed in F. A. Zillgitt's brick building at the corner of Regent and Commercial Streets. Established four years, it was enlarging its quarters to accommodate 'an exclusive hardware department'."

#### BANK OPENED

The First State Bank of Inglewood had been organized the previous year and had opened in October in its own two-story brick building. The first statement, issued less than three months after its opening, showed deposits of \$41,740.46 and total assets of \$55,169.38. Officers included C. H. Brown, president; George Chaffrey, vice-president; W. G. Brown, cashier; W. H. Neher, M. N. Newmark, W. H. Kelso, Frank A. Zillgitt, E. W. Spaulding and Harry Lee Martin, directors.

James P. Hansen, blacksmith, was operating two forges after eight years in Inglewood, and his shop was equipped with a bandsaw and trip hammer run by motor power. The Ganahl Lumber Company, of which E. W. Spaulding was the local manager, was erecting a "good-sized" planing mill. W. S. "Billy" Magee, who supplied the district with rolled barley and cracked corn in his "fine rolling mill" had recently been "forced to install a 30-horsepower engine in order to keep up with the voluntary business of this section."

The Stayer Hotel had just completed an addition increasing its capacity by half and was "putting up" another two-story brick building for store purposes. Real estate agents included E. W. Morrison, F. W. Phelps, E. A. Spaulding and M. B. Beal. Samuel Sollenberger owned the drug store. C. C. Correll was the plumber and Dr. Harrison A. Putnam was practicing medicine from offices in the new Stayer block.

#### OTHER FIRMS

The Occident Printery, which "ran" the Inglewood "Times," had been established a year. W. H. Lehman managed a third grocery store and N. Hurst, the meat market. Barber shops were owned by Robert Joice and A. L. Miller while H. C. Payne had a shoe shop. Bakeries were owned by Eugene Vordeau and Peter Deschance.

Under the heading, "An opportunity for capital," the editor predicted the start of a canning factory for peas, beans, corn and other vegetables and fruits. He also wrote of the organization of a company to manufacture incubators for the "poultry center of Southern California."

The Edison Lighting Company, the editor mentions, maintained a large station at Inglewood and furnished electricity for street lamps, residences and for power motors.

### FARM PRICES INDEX

Statistics in the booklet about farm prices are an index of the times. Three cuttings of sorghum in 1904 yielded 16 tons to the acre and sold at \$8 per ton. The following year, 30 acres of cauliflower netted \$150 per acre. Potatoes in 1906 brought \$30 to \$70 per acre, while corn yielded 20 sacks to the acre and a minimum gross income of \$50. Three tons of barley per acre was a fair yield for Inglewood, and alfalfa, under irrigation, could be cut six or seven times a year, bringing \$70 to \$110 per acre.

Five secret orders held regular meetings in Inglewood in 1906 and the leading business men of the town were members of the Commercial Club where public improvements were initiated and social meetings were held monthly in a "suite of pleasant rooms in the bank building."

## Philosophy Changed

The philosophy of Inglewood, as it began to awaken from its lethargy and disappointments of the late 1880's, was summed up in the booklet: "The time was when anything down and a little every month would buy lots and acreage in Inglewood, but this method has been found very unsatisfactory when comfort and stability are desired. Inglewood has put a fair price on the property and is looking for homeseekers mainly; those who have means with which to start a home or business. That they have come and are coming is evidence that the plan finds favor with this class of people. Where the land has everything in its favor, extravagantly sounding offers are unnecessary. Inglewood needs but to be seen to be appreciated."

Soon after its inception, the Poultry Colony became Inglewood's chief attraction and main single financial pursuit. Within a few months, Miss Pinkerton herself had persuaded five families to buy in the colony, and by 1909 there were more than 50 families in the group. Ducks, geese and turkeys were also being raised successfully.

### SUBDIVISION SOLD

The Water Company sold out its first subdivision without difficulty within the year after planting lawns, flowers and gardens. By December, 1906, the White Wyandotte Farm had shipped a dozen birds having a total value of \$500.

That Inglewood appreciated its Poultry Colony is shown by an incident which occurred in April, 1908. Stray dogs chased down and killed a white hen valued at \$25 in April. On May 1, a pound ordinance went into effect.

Attractive literature sent prospective settlers in the early days of the Colony pointed out that it was situated on high, well-drained mesa land, with a rich clay-loam soil. An abundant supply of pure water was furnished from the same system that supplied the town. The Colony was a ten-minute walk to the electric car and an hour's drive over gravel roads from Los Angeles. It was on a rural free delivery mail route. Ideal weather, good schools and plentiful grains were other assets advertised.

### **"Inglewood Poultryman"**

The Colony had its own newspaper, "The Inglewood Poultryman," which in 1908 published an editorial which read in part: "Our paper is pledged absolutely to the forwarding of every interest of Inglewood, and whilst it is true most of our news pertains to the Poultry Colony, it should be so, as this is really the more important and the only industry we have, and is doing a great deal for the support of the town. We are proud to state that there are more people in Inglewood who are in the poultry business than in any other line of work. The poultry industry is the town's biggest commercial asset, and at present is the best thing we have to make known, our greatest inducement to bring settlers here, and the uppermost thought in the mind of every good citizen, should be to encourage anything that tends to the general advancement."

That all Southern Californians were not as chicken-conscious as Inglewood residents, however, is proved by a story related by Mrs. Kathryn Lindburg. Two well-known Inglewood chicken fanciers had occasion to dispose of a wagon load of young broilers, some 200 cockerels, in Los Angeles. The city buyer was much pleased with his purchase, remarking as he paid for them, "My, they are fine chickens! Such nice feathers, such fine red combs! I'll have to get some nice roosters to run with them."

### **Citizens' League Formed**

The Inglewood Citizens' League, forerunner of the Board of Trade (1908) and the Chamber of Commerce (1922), was organized in 1906 to prevent encroachment on one of the city's greatest assets—Grevillea Parkway between Redondo Boulevard and Kelso Street.

The Parkway originally was the location of a Santa Fe railway "Y" spur which extended from the main line on Redondo Boulevard, south to Kelso Street. When the rail line was extended to Redondo Beach, there no longer was need for the "Y" and the tracks were abandoned, the property reverting to the city.

### DISAGREEMENT ARISES

Disagreement concerning the terms and conditions of the reversion then arose. Some citizens contended that the Santa Fe merely abandoned the property and that it thereby became a city possession. Others believed that the Santa Fe required that the property be used only for park purposes. While still a third group contended that unless the strip did become a park it should belong to abutting property owners.

A plan based upon the latter belief was under way in 1906. Certain property owners along the east side of the Parkway were urging that Grevillea Avenue be made a 60-foot street from Redondo Boulevard to Kelso Street, the rest of the property reverting to private use. Feeling ran so high that a group, headed by the late W. L. Woodworth, father of City Attorney Clyde Woodworth, remained on guard all night to prevent destruction of a property-line fence.

### FOUNDERS TOLD

The Inglewood Citizens' League was organized at a meeting held in the Sollenberger Drug Store. Charles Eager was named president and J. Warren Lane, secretary. Explicit purpose of the organization was to prevent encroachment on the Grevillea Parkway. Its work was to be climaxed seven years later when the city council was to approve plans to convert the parkway into a series of gardens.

## **Panic Weathered**

Inglewood's first bank, founded in 1905, weathered the money panic of 1907 by an expedient executed by C. H. Brown, president, and his son, W. G. Brown, cashier. They organized the Aetna Investment Company to assist the First State Bank, which had at the time \$100,000 on deposit, of which \$40,000 was in commercial loans and an equal amount in real estate loans. The Aetna Company took over all of the real estate loans, supplying the bank with the necessary cash to continue operations. A year later the First State Bank was converted into the First National Bank of Inglewood and in 1911 it erected a building at the southwest corner of Commercial and Queen Streets.

## **Schools of This Period**

Official school records of the days from 1888 to 1901 have been lost, but the turn of the century found Inglewood's educational system being put on a business basis with permanent files maintained.

The school board of 1901 was composed of W. S. Magee, D. W. Griffith and W. L. Woodworth. Walter Thompson, principal, was paid the munificent salary of \$70 per month. Lillian Ayers, his only teacher, received \$60. Archie Freeman was supplying water for the school at a monthly rental of \$10 and Jack Benn was providing lumber, hauling freight and making himself generally useful around the school "plant."

In the following year the same board of education continued to serve, and John Schlegel was named principal, a third room was provided and another teacher regularly employed.

#### CENSUS MARSHAL NAMED

In 1904, Magee retired from the board and W. H. Neher took his place. A. W. Lucas was named principal, and yet another teacher was added to the faculty. A year later the enrollment had reached the place where it was necessary to appoint a "census marshal."

In 1906 the board, now composed of Neher, Woodworth and Griffith, appointed Merrill Calvert principal and named Miss Marilla Chapman as assistant.

Principals seemed to last one year on the average in the Inglewood city system of this period for 1907 J. L. Gilkerson was appointed to this trying position, and another teacher was added to the staff. In the following year another teacher was authorized, bring the faculty up to one teaching principal and four teachers.

### **High School District Organized**

Application was made on February 1, 1905, to Mark Keppel, county superintendent of schools, to have Inglewood, Wiseburn, Hyde Park and La Daw Grammar School districts made into one union high school district. Such a move was authorized by the people at an election held February 21, 1905.

The county superintendent appointed the first board of trustees, naming Adolph Leuzinger of Wiseburn, D. W. Griffith of Inglewood, Louis Wilhelm of Hyde Park and L. Schlegel of La Daw. The first three were elected the following April and Louis Streuber of La Daw replaced Schlegel.

School opened in September in the hall of the Inglewood Grammar School with 15 pupils. Miss Mina Martin was principal.

#### CAMPUS PURCHASED

Seven and one-half acres was purchased for the high school campus for \$5,000 in July, 1906, after \$50,000 in bonds had been voted the previous

April, 108 to 45. Noice and Boggs, contractors, started work on the administration building on April 16, 1907, after the plans of Architect H. Ehler had been accepted the previous December.

A. M. Brooks was high school principal during 1906-07.

Trustees during this period, other than the first appointive and elective boards were 1906-07: Leuzinger, Griffith, Wilhelm and Amick; 1907-08: Leuzinger, Griffith, Nelson of Hyde Park, Young of Hawthorne and Ray of Lawndale.

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## **Chapter IV**

### **INGLEWOOD, THE TOWN**

#### **Incorporation Comes in 1908**

No matter what year Inglewood's population passed the 1,000 mark, she was incorporated in 1908 with 1,200 residents, according to an article published in "the Inglewood Times" on December 5, quoting the man who was her first mayor, William Hall Kelso. In the article, Mayor Kelso opined that she would have had 5,000 souls by 1908 had she extended a welcome to Occidental College twelve years before.

He was named president of the provisional city council elected in February and, like the rest of the pro-tem officials, was reelected in the first municipal race held April 13. Ninety-five votes were cast to elect as Council members Kelso, John Aerick, Harry Lee Martin, J. D. Cronk and L. O. Calkins; E. D. Morrison, city clerk; W. G. Brown, treasurer, and J. N. Brooks, marshal.

Robert Young was the city attorney who assisted in the organization of the first municipal government and the election board included C. C. Correll, W. H. Felts, Andrew Bennett, William S. Magee, Herman H. Oestrich, A. O. Wright and a Mr. Auers.

#### **OTHER EARLY TRUSTEES**

The 1910 election saw B. F. Eshelman replace Cronk on the board of trustees, with Kelso again president, while 1912 again found the council headed by the first mayor, but with a new board composed of Louis B. Hardin, Sr., John G. Baum, John M. Brewer and Nathan G. Smith. Hardin succeeded Kelso to the presidency in 1914 with Sanford M. Anderson, William S. Hudson, Baum and Magee as the other board members.

Hudson was president of the 1916-17 board with Aerick, James P. Hansen, Anderson and Magee as its other members. Aerick became board president in 1918, serving with Charles F. Shafer, Claude A. Allen, James W. Perrin and Hansen. The year 1920, which was to be marked in Inglewood by a severe earthquake and a remarkable resurgence of prosperity and growth, was the date of two elections. The regular biennial April balloting placed in office Allen,

president; Cassius C. Griffin, Samuel H. Spafford, Charles F. Shafer and Perrin, while the October election found Spafford president, with Griffin, Charles H. Hurlbert and Perrin as his fellow members of the board of trustees. Robert Haenggi served from 1922 to 1931.

### **Officers Serve Without Pay**

W. George Brown served without pay as the first city treasurer, transacting the city's business in his own offices in the bank building. When it was ruled illegal to transact such business away from the city hall, Frank S. Friend was elected city treasurer, a post he held for 14 years. He had an office in the small frame City Hall which also had another office, occupied by James Kew, city clerk, and a council room. Friend and Kew provided their own office furniture and equipment and several times returned portions of their salaries to keep the city on the black side of the ledger.

Clyde Woodworth, a native son of Inglewood and a member of the first Inglewood High School graduating class, succeeded Robert Young as city attorney in 1913.

Kew vacated the post of city clerk in 1917 and Miss Ruth Allen, who was to become Mrs. Arthur W. Cory, wife of the city engineer, two years later, was named to the position. Otto H. Duelke was appointed city clerk December 15, 1921. Elected and reelected, he served until city employees retirement went into effect August 1, 1945. Cory had assisted Herman Oliver of Hollywood who was named as Inglewood's first city engineer. Upon Oliver's resignation, Paul Kressly was named engineer in 1913. Two years later, Cory was named to his first term as city engineer, a post he was to vacate in 1925 and to return to in 1931. The late Willis Pepper served in the interim.

City taxes collected by Kew in his first year as city clerk came to only \$6,329.29 plus a delinquency figure from the previous year of \$992.20, or a total of \$7,322.19. And Kew recalls that he knew every taxpayer by name as he came in to pay what was due and could turn unhesitatingly to his place in the ledger on his desk. Population the following year, 1910, was only 1,360 persons, and the tax collection figure was \$12,877.02.

### **Gas and Electricity Promoted**

With its incorporation, Inglewood decided in 1908 to do something about the long-needed gas and electric facilities. The Domestic Gas Company of Los Angeles was asked to extend its lines into Inglewood, but the request was refused. Meanwhile, Mayor Kelso and John Aerick interviewed the Southern California Edison Company concerning the prospect of providing light and

power. Their request met with success, although the new service was set up out of Redondo Beach, believed then to be the site of the principal city in the South Bay district.

Meanwhile, the Inglewood Water Company had been mortgaged for \$40,000 and from these funds the Inglewood Gas Company established. The Gas Company erected 32 Humphreys gas-arc street lights for the principal streets. The standards were made here and tapered from a 6-inch base to a 1-inch goose neck.

#### PROPERTIES SOLD

After four years, the Gas Company properties—a small gas works, a small holder, 248 meters and 16 miles of mains—were purchased by the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation. Seven employees were on the payroll at this time and the gas was manufactured here from crude oil. It sold at 80 cents per 1,000 feet, with a \$1.50 monthly minimum. A flat \$15 fee was charged to connect a new service. The following year, 1913, the Los Angeles lines were extended from Slauson Avenue and the small gas works here abandoned.

### **Library Established**

Things cultural also were engaging the interest of Inglewood residents, as the city was incorporated, so 40 well-known men and women were easy prey to the scheme of an unknown metropolitan promoter with an idea for a public library. She persuaded the local leaders to donate \$3 each to a scheme she called a revolving library fund.

Two hundred books were to be provided for the original investment and these were to be replaced from time to time by a similar number of volumes from other branches, thus providing new reading at all times. The 40 original contributors became the Inglewood Library Society. The first shipment arrived as promised. But there the matter ended.

Later, members of the Society held a meeting in the rear of Osterman's Haberdashery, where it was decided to provide a free public library. Among those in the group which took this momentous and cultural step, besides Mrs. Anna Clark who was to become the first librarian, were Mrs. Clarissa P. Mosher, subsequently to become the local postmaster, Mrs. William S. Hudson, Mrs. Frank Friend, Mrs. Frank D. Parent and Miss Sarah Hanover.

#### SPACE RENTED

Half of a building at Market and Regent Streets owned by the Inglewood Water Company was being rented by the Inglewood Woman's Club and the

library group voted to take the additional office space. Benefits were arranged to finance the office rental and countless social affairs were held at which "admission" was the donation of a book.

From such affairs, the stock of books soon was increased from 200 to 2,000. Mrs. Friend was elected secretary-treasurer and she alternated with Mrs. Mosher and Miss Hanover in keeping the library open three days a week. All of the services were donated.

In 1916, after Inglewood had obligated itself to provide not less than \$1,000 annually to support its library, the Carnegie Corporation of New York agreed to furnish \$10,000 toward building a library in this city. A site in the Grevillea Parkway was designated by the city on April 16, 1917, and the contract for the building was let the following month. The building was accepted by the city on August 27, 1917.

## **Woman's Club Organized**

The Inglewood Woman's Club, which shared quarters at first with the library, was organized in 1912 with Mrs. F. H. Bloodgood as president. Other charter members included Mrs. Inez Allen, Mrs. S. A. Barron, Mrs. Earl Bowen, Mrs. John Brewer, Mrs. W. G. Brown, Mrs. C. K. Buckle, Mrs. E. M. Calkins, Mrs. Willis A. Grove, Mrs. L. O. Calkins, Mrs. Milton R. Kerr, Mrs. Thomas F. Kirk, Mrs. William H. Kelso, Mrs. Harry Lee Martin, Mrs. A. F. Monroe, Mrs. John McPhee, Mrs. Frank D. Parent, Mrs. Eleanor Rich, Mrs. G. A. Wetherbee and Mrs. G. R. Westlake.

### **WOMAN'S CLUB PRESIDENTS**

Here's a list of the Inglewood Woman's Club presidents, beginning with Mrs. F. H. Bloodgood in 1912: Mrs. Milton H. Kerr, Mrs. I. K. Wilson, Mrs. W. G. Brown, Mrs. W. H. Bowden, Mrs. Frank D. Parent, Mrs. George M. Green, Mrs. Samuel M. Barron, Mrs. Clarissa Mosher, Mrs. R. D. Aylsworth, Mrs. Evan Lewis, Mrs. Fordyce Pye, Mrs. James A. Scoville, Mrs. John McPhee, Mrs. M. A. Hood, Mrs. Edwin S. Fuller, Mrs. L. M. Myer, Mrs. H. P. Riley, Mrs. Harry D. Tompkins, Mrs. Paul L. Beemer, Mrs. Albert E. Rogers, Mrs. Herbert K. Smith, Mrs. George C. Schneider, Mrs. Leland Dye, Mrs. Russell Zillgitt, Mrs. Dan B. Wise, Mrs. Roy Anderson, Mrs. Edna Tuller, Mrs. Charles C. Jacobs, Mrs. Carl E. Hammer, Mrs. Cecil O. Garton, Mrs. J. W. Murphy, and the incumbent, Mrs. Courtney Dean Keith.

## **Board of Trade Founded**

The incorporation year of 1908 also saw the organization of the Board of Trade, whose purposes, it was stipulated in the application to the Secretary of State, were "the extension and promotion of trade and commerce, and the advance, protection and improvement of mechanical arts and science at the city of Inglewood and vicinity, keeping its streets, roads and thoroughfares in proper condition, the observance of sanitary rules, the advertisement of Inglewood and vicinity, the ulterior purpose being to induce persons seeking homes or investments to buy or otherwise acquire real or personal property in the City of Inglewood or vicinity, and doing of all things necessary or convenient to carrying out the purposes herein expressed, including the buying and selling, or otherwise acquiring or disposing of real and personal property for the use and purposes of the corporation."

Eleven directors were named for the first six months. These included C. H. Brown, Dr. B. F. Eshelman, Hugh W. Hunt, W. S. Magee, Isaac Timmons, James P. Hansen, E. M. Calkins, Rev. Thomas E. Stevenson, J. Warren Lane, Albert O. Wight and Henry H. Zillgitt. Upon receipt of incorporation papers, Wight was unanimously elected president. Serving with him were Brown, vice-president; Rev. Stevenson, secretary; and Zillgitt, treasurer. Others among the twenty-two charter members were S. Sollenberger, E. R. Manly, L. O. Calkins, M. A. Buck, A. L. Wilber, W. H. Kelso, J. N. Rush, H. L. Martin, H. W. Meserve, Dr. H. A. Putnam, John L. Rowley, Hugh W. Hunt, J. D. Cronk, John Aerick, W. L. Woodworth, I. Timmons, C. C. Correll, W. G. Brown and F. R. Weaver.

## **P.-T. A. Formed**

The Parent-Teachers Club, forerunner of the Parent-Teacher Association, was formed in Inglewood in August of the incorporation year. The object of the society, according to "The Poultryman," was "To cooperate with the school teachers in an endeavor to make the life and surroundings of our school pupils as pleasant as possible while engaged in their studies . . . these ladies who have formed this club wish to assist in bringing those boys and girls up that, when they become young ladies and young gentlemen, they will be a credit to society."

## **City Water Promoted**

One of the most important movements of this era was the aggressive campaign begun in 1918 by Sanford M. Anderson in a far-sighted move for

the city to acquire its own water company. Anderson, now a local financier, was its principal advocate. Anderson had able allies in Thad N. Shaw and W. D. Crow of the "Inglewood Weekly News," which had by this time succeeded "The Star," "The Times" and "The Poultryman." After a series of editorials and articles by Crow, the city in 1918 voted bonds of \$150,000 to "acquire or build a water system." Money from sale of the bonds was deposited in the First National Bank and the city offered to purchase the property of the Inglewood Water Company.

The Water Company reserved certain parcels of water-bearing land which later also were purchased by the city, and the deal was consummated. Anderson became the first superintendent of the city water department. The Inglewood Water Company finally disposed of the last of its holdings in 1928.

### **Grevillea Parkway**

By July, 1913, the city council was ready to take definite action on Grevillea Parkway, to prevent encroachment upon which the Inglewood Citizens' League had been formed seven years earlier. The Council approved plans to convert the Parkway into a series of gardens and Ernest Branton was employed as designer.

The plans, which were completed in detail, charted and blueprinted, provided for converting the upper, triangular piece at the intersection of Redondo Boulevard and Grevillea Avenue into a California park, while other sections were to be Australian, Japanese and a rose garden. The plans were carried out under the direction of George Leftwich, street superintendent, but it developed that the rustic scenery presented too much of a challenge to Inglewood High School students and Crozier School pupils, so the Parkway eventually, had the Japanese garden removed and planted to trees and grass.

Destruction of quite another nature in this period of early corporate days was believed to have precluded forever the planting of trees in a certain section of Centinela Park. This destruction was man-made and in the interest of art. For one day in 1910, the Keystone Film Company, shooting an early motion picture, paid \$250 for the privilege of filming the chimney of the old brick kilns as it collapsed. Also included in the negotiations was a promise by the film company to clear away the subsequent debris.

The bricks were plowed under and eventually were buried under two or three feet of earth, leading to the supposition that no trees ever would or could grow in that area. However, it was found that trees thrived especially well there because the bricks not only permitted the roots to go through them, but they also retained the moisture. So some of those county rubbish cut-and-fill areas eventually may be forested!

## **Centinela Park**

The fifty-eight acres of Centinela Park were set aside for park purposes by Harry Lee Martin and J. Warren Lane when it was the property of the Inglewood Water Company. The company refused \$116,000 for it when that offer was made by the Los Angeles Investment Company. In 1919, however, it was sold to the city for \$50,000.

Lane's civic interest in this matter was especially noteworthy inasmuch as in the early pre-fire equipment days it had been his duty to put out the frequent fires in the dense underbrush along the pipe which extended from the springs to the pumphouse. Finally, the fire hazard became so great that the area was plowed, then planted to fig trees which totalled a surplus income of \$3,300 to the water company before the lands finally were sold to the city.

## **City in the Red**

Frank Friend, who became city treasurer in 1913, years later was to recall how Inglewood actually went broke so far as treasury funds were concerned. This was around 1914, he recalls. Electric light bills were overdue and other expenses had to be met. To keep the treasury afloat, the treasurer, city clerk, the board of trustees and other city officials dug down in their pockets and donated \$10 a month each to pay expenses until more tax money came in. The trustees donated their salaries in full.

Judge Albert F. Monroe, who in the early days of incorporation as a sixth class city was known as the recorder, took over in 1910 with the munificent salary of \$5 a month. Some months, however, no cases were filed at all while the average ran only one or two in a 30-day period. By 1926, this average had risen to eight or ten cases daily.

In Inglewood's early days, the street cleaning division consisted of August Carlson, who for \$8 per month used to push a little wagon around the streets to pick up all accumulated dirt, papers and other refuse. The street maintenance equipment was an old grader, an old horse and a one-horse wagon.

## **Boulevard Once Race Course**

Hillcrest Boulevard, when Inglewood was first laid out, was 200 feet wide and used principally as the course over which Daniel Freeman exercised his race horses. At that time, Hillcrest was called Redondo Boulevard and ran around the town on what now are Hillcrest Boulevard, Park Avenue, Freeman

Avenue and Centinela Boulevard. Rows of eucalyptus and pine trees ran down the center of Hillcrest Boulevard in the founding days.

### **Colonist Business Still Sought**

Business from the poultry colonists was an important item to Inglewood merchants in these days. One story recalled by old-timers in this connection is the way Herb Gemmel of the Inglewood Mercantile used to sell chicken wire from his hardware department.

The dry goods department was on the southeast corner of Commercial and Regent Streets and attached to it on the Regent Street side was the hardware department. Gemmel would get out a big roll of wire and roll it down Regent Street until he had unwound as much as the customer wanted, according to the yard stick he carried. Then he would cut it off with the tin snips right there on the sidewalk.

This didn't interfere usually with pedestrians because there were so few of them. If one did happen along, he just stopped and chatted until the measuring was over.

### **No Traffic Hazards**

In 1912, C. C. Griffin had his office on Market Street next to Matson's Feed Store and his wife was his office secretary. It was their custom to drive their horse and buggy home at noon to their residence at 111 West Kelso Street. One day recalled by Griffin, they returned around 1 o'clock, driving from their home east on Kelso Street, north of Commercial (now La Brea), past the Inglewood Mercantile, east on Regent to Market to the office. "When we arrived at the office, Mrs. Griffin remarked, 'We did not meet one person, man, woman or child; not a horse, bicycle or car or anything that moved all the way'."

### **Grocer Comes to Homes**

In those days, too, the market came to the housewife, Mrs. Fred W. Johanet relates. Each morning, or two or three times a week, the market boy would call, notebook in hand, to take the housewife's order and to suggest certain especially choice items that day. A few hours later, he would deliver the order. Usually the account ran by the month and, when paid, the customer was rewarded with a sack of candy.

## **Inglewood Kids as Extras**

When Hollywood was young, Inglewood was a favorite place for the cameras to grind. One day, twenty Inglewood youngsters were asked to join in a mob scene at the depot where a movie company was shooting a railroad accident story.

The budding business men decided they should be paid and were rewarded with a dollar which didn't look so big when it had been changed into twenty nickels. So the mobsters struck again and were persuaded to accept a train ride to Redondo in lieu of more pay.

"It seemed wonderful to us kids," Emerson Johnson was to write of the affair as an adult, "so we went to Redondo. Only the train stayed there so long it was dark when we got back and all the parents of the twenty kids were like crazy, wondering where we were. You would think they would be tickled to death when we all came trudging in. But no. Something about it seemed to make them angry. As far as I know, we all got lickings out of it. I never have been in the movies since."

## **Schools After Incorporation**

The year after the town's incorporation was marked by election of the first woman to serve on the Inglewood board of education. She was Mrs. L. G. Loomis. Mary Compton, principal, and five women teachers were on the school staff.

July of 1909, \$3,500 was sought for the schools in the first bond election since the turn of the century. Bringing out a total of only ninety-six voters, the issue was soundly beaten. At the next meeting of the board, a committee was named to investigate why the bond election had failed. Serving in this capacity were W. H. Kelso, E. W. Spaulding, Nate Smith, J. T. Leftwich and a Mr. Scott.

Inglewood named its first special teacher in 1909. She was a Miss Brown who was appointed as instructor of music.

### **NO HAPPY MATRONS WANTED**

On July 14, 1910, the Board of Education passed a motion that no married woman living with her husband could be employed as teacher in the Inglewood city school system, an action long since rescinded.

On August 30 of that year twelve lots were purchased as a school site in East Acres for \$4,200. This is now the William H. Kelso school site. In April of this year Mrs. Loomis resigned from the board, and E. W. Spaulding was elected and made president. Dr. Putnam was named health officer, and a Mrs.

Shea was elected principal. In September of the same year a Mr. McNeil had been appointed to the board, and he resigned the following month to be succeeded by Percy W. Smith.

The year 1910 seems to have been one of momentous decisions in the history of the Inglewood city school system. The board launched an ambitious program to acquire the entire block bounded by Queen, Grevillea, Regent and Fir Streets, but finally compromised by purchasing four lots along Grevillea, to Regent.

#### BONDS CARRY

It was then planned to establish schools in various sections of the city, and it was deemed advisable to hold a bond election for \$55,000 to erect an eleven-room building, to buy the land in the entire block where the Administration building now stands with the exception of the west 150 feet, and to buy school sites in the north and southeast section of the city. The bond election was held May 31, 1910, from 9 a.m. to sundown, and carried by the quite remarkable vote of 186 for and 22 against. No investigating committee was appointed.

An architect was named to draw plans, bids were received and an award made in the principal sum of \$31,800. It was deemed inadvisable to spend any more money on the old building, so an auction was held to dispose of it. This was held on April 17, 1911, and the old schoolhouse was sold to Charles A. Mehegan for \$120. J. Atkins purchased the cottage for \$45, and a small wood toilet house was sold to D. E. Thomas for \$3, the old fence to Warren Hall for \$7, and the old school bell to Charles Eager for \$2.50.

#### STAFF OF TEN

By July of 1911 the faculty consisted of a principal, eight teachers and a librarian. A. B. Bennett was president of the Board, J. T. Leftwich was clerk, and W. A. Grove was a member.

For the purpose of dedicating the new building, now nearing completion, the board invited Mark Keppel, county superintendent, and Joseph Scott, attorney and orator, to be speakers.

On May 8, 1912, George W. Crozier was elected principal of the Inglewood schools, and the penchant for a principal a year ended forthwith, for Mr. Crozier served faithfully and well for twenty consecutive years, retiring in May, 1932. On May 12, 1932, a resolution was unanimously adopted changing the name of the school at Queen Street and Crevillea Avenue to the George W. Crozier Intermediate School. Five days later Mr. Crozier passed away.

Five days after Mr. Crozier's appointment in 1912, an epidemic of scarlet fever occurred in the city, and the schools were closed for eight days.

## USED BY CHURCHES

On October 18, 1912, a motion was made to install gas in the school-house, and in the following month the Episcopalians were allowed the use of the auditorium of the school for church services while their new church was being built. In 1915 the Methodist congregation used the auditorium two evenings a week.

On December 12, 1913, Mrs. Ella M. Friend, later principal of the Centinela School, was appointed to the board of education to succeed Mrs. Emeline Sprague, resigned. Mrs. Friend was promptly named clerk of the board. She was elected president in 1917, serving until September 18, 1922, when she resigned, and was succeeded by George C. Malloy.

## RESIDENCE REQUIRED

First record of the board requesting teachers to reside in the corporate limits of Inglewood appears in the minutes for May 13, 1914.

Leftwich resigned from the board in 1915 and was succeeded by R. N. Sugg, who was in turn followed by J. A. Galbraith. Successors, in order, to the latter were George C. England and W. S. Magee. W. Miller Stanley was appointed to succeed Bennett and when Stanley resigned in 1918, he was succeeded by G. A. Weatherby. G. E. Westlake was Magee's successor.

On July 29, 1918, the board was authorized to construct a kindergarten building. Courses in vocal music and music appreciation were added to the curriculum in October, 1919.

In January, 1920, the voters authorized the board to sell the two unused school sites and to buy the remaining land in the block of the main building. Bids were advertised for the two sites, but no offers resulted.

**Patriotic Precedent**

During World War I, in the latter portion of this period between incorporation and the first earthquake, Inglewood established its reputation for always going far over the top in patriotic fund-raising drives. Mrs. Frank D. Friend was chairman of the Red Cross funds drive for Inglewood for which the small city was asked to subscribe \$2,000. (As a school principal she was known as Mrs. Ella M. Friend.)

Describing the incident years later, Mrs. Friend said, "Inglewood previously had given all it seemed able to give and many seriously doubted that the sum could be raised. Just before the week's drive started, Daniel Freeman asked me to meet him at the Security Bank. 'Mrs. Friend,' he said, 'I am asking you to

keep in confidence until the end of the week the fact that I am giving you two checks of \$1,000 each to cover the amount to be raised, so that you need not worry.'

#### SECRET KEPT

"Of course I kept that promise and each day my precinct workers reported at the city hall the proceeds of that day's work. At the end of the week, the workers had collected something over \$3,000 and this amount, plus the two \$1,000 checks, gave George M. Green, chapter president, and me a real satisfaction when we delivered the total sum to Red Cross headquarters in Los Angeles.

"This was prophetic of Inglewood's contribution to War Loans and Red Cross in World War II, when quotas in the millions of dollars were doubled and trebled."

### High School Bonds Voted

A meeting of the qualified electors of the Union High School district on August 26, 1913 (which, by this time, included El Segundo, Lawndale, Hawthorne and Jefferson, in addition to the original quartet with the exception of La Daw), was held at which the trustees were ordered to call an election to submit proposed bond issues of \$150,000.

After the bonds were voted, October 11, 1913, by 811 to 138, Norman F. Marsh was named as architect and Nance and Phelps as contractors. Work was started on the buildings on March 19, 1914.

#### "FARM" PURCHASED

On December 16, 1914, the trustees were ordered to buy nine and one-half acres at Kelso Street and Damask Avenue for an experimental agricultural station and thereby launched an enterprise that was to add much to Inglewood life.

Robert K. Lloyd took over operation of the "farm" as it soon became called, in 1921 and under his tutelage it grew and flourished and made all expenses from the products it raised.

Pure bred Berkshire brood sows brought forth their kind some 30 or 40 pigs, which were sold to the students at around \$7 to \$8 apiece, which the youngsters took home and raised as a school project. The pigs were fed mostly on table scraps and, as Lloyd now recalls it, some of the youngsters well nigh starved themselves in order to keep the family garbage pail well filled, in order

that his pig might surpass all others in weight and sleekness. When these porkers approached around 175 to 200 pounds in avoirdupois they were ready for slaughter, which also fattened the purse of the student who raised the animal. The farm also had an incubator from which chicks were hatched, then taken home and raised by the students.

Pride of the High School Farm was a Ford tractor and other farming and agricultural equipment, used in tilling, seeding and harvesting. The farm had a two-acre orchard, a garden of the same dimensions, as well as four acres in alfalfa, which produced a bountiful harvest several times a year, including the vacation season.

As for the animal husbandry part of the farm curriculum, there was a herd of pure bred Holstein cows and at least one Guernsey bull, it is recalled, so there was plenty of milk and cream. Also butter, although no goats were bred and raised there.

#### SCHOOL WINS PRIZE

The campus of the high school, which had been landscaped by Ernest Braunton, was entered in the 1915 Los Angeles County beautification contest and won the first prize of \$400.

The entire plant, consisting of the original central building flanked by the five new buildings forming a quadrangle and joined by lawns, walks and arcades, was dedicated on February 29, 1916.

At the dedication program, held in the auditorium, Leuzinger, president of the board, presided. Addresses were made by Charles Eager, chairman of the Citizens Committee; Keppel, Dr. Jesse F. Millspaugh, president of the Los Angeles State Normal School. The buildings were dedicated by J. F. Nelson and accepted by George M. Green, principal. Invocation was given by the Rev. S. L. Mitchell, and benediction was pronounced by Rev. N. F. Sanderson.

J. M. Griffith served as principal of the high school from 1907 to 1911, being succeeded by M. R. Kerr and George M. Green, the latter retiring after 25 years, as district superintendent.

Trustees during this era were: 1908-09, Leuzinger, Griffith, Nelson, Clement of Hawthorne and Woodrough of Lawndale; 1909-10, Leuzinger, Leatherman of Inglewood, Nelson of Hyde Park, Clement of Hawthorne and Moseley of Lawndale; 1910-11, Leuzinger, Bloodgood of Inglewood, Nelson and Moseley; 1911-12, Leuzinger, Bloodgood, Nelson, Register of Jefferson (Lennox) and Moseley; 1913-17, Leuzinger, Parent, Nelson, Hall and Moseley; 1917-19, Leuzinger, Parent, Nelson, Foster of El Segundo and Moseley; 1919-20, Leuzinger, Woodworth of Inglewood, Nelson, Foster and Moseley.

## **Chapter V**

### **INGLEWOOD, THE CITY**

#### **Earthquake Brings New Settlers**

To credit the growth and prosperity that came to Inglewood in the 1920's solely to the June earthquake of the first year of that decade would be ridiculous. Yet the scare of the earth shock may have shaken out any lingering doubts that remained in the minds of pioneer residents that the city, which had known so many disappointments from its original ambitions was not, in realistic afterthought, the town of their dreams—and home.

Roy A. Bush points out that "regardless of the scare that was thrown into the people of Inglewood (by the June, 1920, earthquake) only one party sold his property at a sacrifice price, so that he could move away to his former home town in the East."

#### **PRICES INCREASED**

Instead of the price of real estate being reduced by the earthquake, it was increased. Many people who came to visit Inglewood in its distress found, instead, that it was a growing, thriving little city, and many later made substantial investments here. It would be hard indeed to discount a city of some 5,000 souls among whom there was only one 'fraidy cat.

By 1922, Inglewood had doubled its 1920 population of 3,500. Sixty-one new homes were built in August, 1922. That same year a prominent educator, who preferred to remain anonymous to the outside world, called Inglewood's schools the "best in the southern part of the state." He based that conclusion, newspapers of the time pointed out, upon the competence of the faculty as well as the excellence of the school plants.

#### **POPULATION NOW 9,000**

By June, 1923, the 3,286 population with which Inglewood had been credited in the official 1920 census had increased to 9,000. May, 1923, building permits had totaled \$516,575 and an advertising campaign was opened to sell Inglewood as "the hub city."



#### EARTHQUAKES AFTERMATH

Upper left: Regent and Queen Streets after June 20, 1920 temblor. Ingewood Mercantile building and Ingewood Hotel across the street. Buried in rubble is car of Dr. Gail Fehrensens, flattened by falling wall.

Upper right: Hotel Ingewood and other buildings on the west side of Commercial Street (now La Brea Avenue).

Lower left: Monterey Apartments (now Sentinel Apartments) at Queen and Locust Streets, after quake of March 10, 1933. Subsequently the two upper stories were removed.

Lower center: The Arcade Building on East Queen Street, following the 1920 quake. At that time the structure housed a motion picture theatre and a ground floor storeroom. Since, for many years, the Ingewood Chamber of Commerce and J. A. Danielson occupied the ground floor and City Attorney Woodworth and a photograph gallery the upper floor.

Lower right: Another close-up of a 1920 quake result.



More than \$500,000 worth of paving contracts had been let to surface 25 miles of streets, according to the advertisements. Bank deposits as of June 1, 1923, were \$3,095,106.70 as compared with \$2,028,724.90 the previous year and \$1,150,263.52 as of June 1, 1921. Building permits from January to June of 1923 totaled \$2,135,742. For comparison purposes \$2,032,762 for the entire year of 1922 was given.

A thousand students were enrolled in the \$600,000 Union High School, the ad continued, and more than 300 homes and 25 business houses, valued at approximately \$1,000,000, were under construction.

The copy also advertised the fact that the Santa Fe Railroad was to construct a gigantic industrial district on a 160-acre tract just south of the city. Ten factories already were located in Inglewood.

## **Fastest Growing City**

Statistics prove that Inglewood was the fastest growing city in the United States from 1920 to 1925, and the price of front footage on Market Street advanced from \$35 or \$50 a front foot to \$1,000 or more.

Many factors were to contribute to this growth and prosperity, among them the organization of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce in 1922. The first fiscal year of the existence of this civic body, Inglewood's population increased from 7,250 to 15,000. Building permits that same year reached \$3,745,753 and the new city hall was built and dedicated. During July and August of 1922, the Chamber was organized and standardized, so that it functioned in 1923 as a highly efficient city-wide organization.

### **SUTTON FIRST PRESIDENT**

George M. Sutton was elected president and other directors were Frank A. Zillgitt, Roy A. Bush, Sam M. Greene, Frank D. Parent, Sanford M. Anderson, George Longan, Fred R. Pardee, Carl Matson, W. G. Brown, George C. Malloy, W. S. Magee, P. S. Minner and Clyde Woodworth. Clarence W. Schouboe, who succumbed only a few months before publication of this volume, was appointed executive secretary and he reported that at the beginning of the fiscal year, August 1, 1922, the Chamber had a pledged annual income of \$11,281.50, made up of 304 members at \$20 per year dues, and a service fund of \$5,302.50.

During the year, 112 additional membership pledges were obtained and \$350 added to the service fund. That year also, the Chamber raised a special publicity fund of \$8,125.25 and conducted a campaign that brought inquiries

from thirty-eight states in the union, six provinces of Canada, four states in Mexico, as well as from Europe, South America and the Philippine Islands. More than fifty accomplishments were listed in the annual report that year.

Working closely with the Fairview Heights Improvement Association, the Chamber helped establish a garbage collection department. In the same year, plans were formulated for a health center. The public utilities committee originated a city sewerage system. The retail merchants committee (successor to Inglewood's Board of Trade established in 1908 and forerunner of the present Inglewood Retail Merchants Association) helped define and uphold equity and good conscience among the merchants in Inglewood's business section.

#### FIFTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

It is important to remember that the Chamber of Commerce which could list 50 accomplishments its first year was making such strides in a day when Redondo and Manchester Boulevards and Commercial Street north of the tracks (now North La Brea) were not paved. Market Street south of Hillcrest Boulevard was merely an alley. The street car tracks on Market Street were about two feet above the street which had a ribbon of hard surface on each side. Telegraph service was inadequate. Crenshaw Boulevard was unpaved and almost impassable.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schouboe were dissuaded from buying more lots where Oak Street School now stands, at \$50 each, by a kindly stranger who warned, "this is a regular duck pond in winter." This was confirmed in later years when the school grounds became a virtual island or peninsula after heavy rains.

### **Odd Fellows Chartered**

Inglewood Lodge No. 420, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was instituted January 28, 1911, with the following charter members: P. H. Rasmusson, J. P. Hansen, J. H. Robertson, J. B. Morrison, D. E. Thomas, J. Grayson, E. F. Lewis, Charles Libaire, John Grimmel, J. A. Walker, W. J. Zeller, I. F. Hollingshead, J. H. Ransier, M. B. Garton and William Kenyon.

Charter officers included Skinner as noble grand, Hansen, vice grand; D. E. Thomas, secretary, and Grayson, treasurer.

Among the first class of initiates on the night of institution were James H. Kew, Horace Hannington, Fordyce Pye, William McGee, Harrison Putman, Charley Mehegan, John G. Baum, Charles D. Keith and several others.

The women who prepared the institution dinner were Mrs. F. R. Skinner, Mrs. J. P. (Octavia) Hansen, Mrs. P. H. Rasmusson, Mrs. J. Grayson, Mrs.

Charles Libaire, Mrs. John Grimmel, Mrs. E. F. Lewis and Mrs. J. W. Zeller.

Among the minutes of the first year we noticed rent paid for three months for the Masonic Hall was \$32.50. Inglewood Lodge now meets every Thursday evening at 159½ North La Brea Avenue.

An auxiliary known as the Rebekah branch was instituted in February, 1918, known as Welcome No. 143.

## **Realty Board Established**

Organized also late in 1922 was the Inglewood Realty Board, which grew in a year from an active membership of 17 and one associate to 41 regular and 20 associate members. Frank D. Parent was first president of this group, and Fred Krause its first secretary.

Other active members enrolled that first year were Sanford M. Anderson, Jessie W. Babcock, Baum and Saviers, Bedford Real Estate, Brooks and Baum, Jacob Brunner, F. C. Calder, George T. Delong, E. W. Dawson, Gilbert Densmore, Driskill Brothers, Ruth Ford, Frost and Smith, C. C. Griffith, S. E. Gunderson, Lee S. Hake, Charles E. Hecox, Howard and Honnold, Hub City Realtors, Inglewood Realty Company, Charles E. Libaire, F. R. McDonald, Benjamin McLouth, Magee and Son, Charles M. Miller, H. C. Mitchell, A. L. Murphy, Ralph R. Reynolds, E. J. Robichaux, Eugene Sabin, Schouboe and McCallister, John C. Sheber, Carl P. Sheddian, Leroy H. Smith, Southwest Realtors, B. H. Spaulding, Harry R. Spaulding, Strange and Einson, Thornton Realty Company, Waring and Law, Wilhite and Milburn and H. L. Wood.

In addition to Judge Parent, who served three terms, other past-presidents are: Lee S. Hake, two terms; H. A. McCallister, Harvey D. Moseley, two terms; Ernest M. Mansur, George L. Cleaver, C. B. Perkins, Sam T. Hill, two terms; Carl P. Sheddian, four terms; E. M. McGough, E. W. Dawson, two terms; Jack R. Williams, two terms; Lester B. Zillgitt, Leonard A. Harvey, Mark E. Todd, and the incumbent, Gilbert A. Reiling.

## **Planning Commission Named**

The first Planning Commission was appointed by the City Council in July of 1923. It consisted of five regular members and three ex-officio, the latter being Mayor Charles M. Miller, City Attorney Clyde Woodworth and City Engineer Willis S. Pepper. E. P. Dunn of the water department was clerk of the commission which was headed by Col. Thomas Jennings, chairman, and composed also of City Councilman John W. Glasgow, Rod C. Nutt, George J. Eberle and James Carnes.

## **Secretary Appointed**

September 1 of 1923, Morton MacCormac was appointed secretary of the Chamber of Commerce by unanimous vote of the board of directors. Former chairman of the educational committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce, MacCormac promised in newspaper interviews to "make Inglewood a junior Chicago. He announced a strenuous civic campaign for "population, popularity and profit." He soon was succeeded by Earl W. Porter.

## **City of Paved Streets**

By January 1, 1925, Inglewood had 45.75 miles of improved streets, including those surfaced with macadam, concrete and asphalt plus 6.71 miles of oiled roadway. Total cost of improvements up to that date was \$2,168,689.80. At the time, there was 1,506,915 square feet of sidewalks; 402,328 lineal feet of curbs, and 250,620 square feet of gutters. By April of the following year, the paved streets within the city limits had been increased to 75 miles.

## **First Chamber Building**

It was a gala occasion in April of 1926 when the 4-year-old Inglewood Chamber of Commerce was host to the 32,297 residents of this city at the opening of its new \$75,000 building. Boy Scouts showed the citizenry through the building the afternoon and evening of the 17th and many special exhibits were on display.

Included among these special exhibits were ones on small home plans by the builders' exchange, paintings by local residents and displays showing the work of Scouting and the Community Chest.

The Inglewood Woman's Club, with Mrs. Elmer Moss as chairman, served refreshments. There was an hour's concert by the municipal band at night and Chief Redwing and his group of Indians in native costumes performed both afternoon and evening. Sam Greene planned the program which was climaxed with a patio dance.

### **HISTORY RELATED**

The building project was started the previous year during the presidency of Judge Frank D. Parent when three lots were purchased for \$30,000. Twenty members lent \$500 apiece and others smaller amounts to defray architectural fees and the cost of the property. Seven members then underwrote a trust deed

for \$5,000 and the balance of the cost of the \$45,000 building was borrowed from a bank on a first mortgage.

A report made by George M. Sutton, building committee chairman, just before the building opened, showed that funds were \$46,000 while disbursements amounted only to \$28,056.53. On Sutton's committee were Carl Matson and Clyde Woodworth. Frank Goodwin was architect.

Chamber of Commerce officers that first year in the new building included Sanford M. Anderson, president; Col. Tom Jennings, J. R. Hinman, A. E. Chamberlain and A. H. Robbins, vice-presidents; John Steinbarger, treasurer; West Babcock, L. O. Calkins, Newcomb Condee, Sam M. Greene, George C. Malloy, Matson, Harvey D. Moseley and D. B. Vanderlip, directors, and Earl W. Porter, executive secretary.

#### CRASH HAS REPERCUSSIONS

But, just as the puncture of the real estate boom of 1889 had proved to be stronger than the big plans and fine achievements of Inglewood pioneers, so was the financial crash of 1929 to put an end to the new Chamber of Commerce's ambition to have its own building, erected through such fine cooperation. A. E. Chamberlain, president, and his board had to make the difficult decision to dispose of the property.

It was decided to send the following letter to all holders of honor certificates in the Chamber of Commerce:

"At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce held on November 25, it was decided that it was impossible for the Chamber of Commerce to pay off the indebtedness of the Chamber of Commerce building and to retain possession of the property. It was therefore decided to make some disposition of the building.

"The indebtedness against the building is now approximately \$51,000, exclusive of amounts owing the certificate holders. In addition about \$1,200 must be expended to meet the requirements of the State Industrial Accident Commission with regard to the electrical system.

#### OPPORTUNITY SOUGHT

"The board feels that if there is any way by which the certificate holders can get any money out of their certificates they should be given the opportunity, and the board would be glad to see them get it.

"It is suggested that the certificate holders get together and see if they can take over the building and relieve the Chamber of Commerce of the obligations against it, the certificate holders to either run it themselves or dispose of it so as to get part of their money back.

"A meeting of the certificate holders with the board of directors is therefore called for Friday, December 13, 12:15 p.m., Assembly Hall, Chamber of Commerce Building, for a discussion of the matter.

"If the certificate holders do not see their way clear to take over the building it will have to be turned over to the second mortgage holders.

"Any certificate holder who is not interested enough to attend will be considered as willing to surrender his certificate."

The structure, which had been expected to return an annual rental of nearly \$13,000, was sold to Carl Matson. The open patio was roofed and floored and still houses the Inglewood Furniture Company of which Matson is the founder and president.

### **Sweet Solitude**

By 1926, Southern California had become so populated that a frequent complaint was that one could free himself from the continual sight of people only by traveling long distances. Accordingly, it was the idea of Louis B. Hardin, Sr., park superintendent, that automobile highways be kept out of Centinela Park. An "Inglewood Californian" account of this plan remarks, "Centinela Park today is one of very few spots in this locality where the person weary of mind and soul may find a needed hour of solitude. It is a place that brings people back again to nature and the time when they were younger and had the freedom of a farm perhaps."

At the time this plan was announced, the city of Inglewood had 4,820 trees potted in the Park Department's lath house in Centinela Park, while it decided what method to use in distributing them. Included in the group were golden and green Italian cypress, pepper trees, acacias, junipers, blooming hawthornes, St. Joseph's bread trees, pines and Texas umbrella trees. Frank M. Clafin was president of the park commission. Serving with him were Judge Charles F. Amidon, J. Warren Lane, Mrs. George Brown and Mrs. Frank D. Parent.

### **Time of Progress**

During the first quarter of 1926, Inglewood's building permits totaled \$437,695, surpassing those of Anaheim, Compton, Culver City, Huntington Park, Modesto, Monrovia, Ontario, Orange, Pomona, Redlands, Redondo Beach and Vernon. Inglewood's property valuation in 1920 was listed at \$1,883,085. By 1926, valuation had grown to \$11,693,100.

## **Promotional Stunt**

In April of 1926, Inglewood made the headlines with a stunt at which well-known newspapermen of this area were forced to wear prison stripes and work on the rock pile. The idea was all in keeping with a luncheon of the Centinela Valley Newspaper Association at which local scribes entertained at the Inglewood Jail.

Attending with members and their guests were Inglewood city officials, presidents of the city's service clubs and other prominent community leaders.

### **DISCIPLINE MAINTAINED**

Chief of Police White was assisted by Chief of Police Thorpe of Hawthorne in preventing the escape of the "convicts" during luncheon which was served in the garage of the jail. Prison discipline was maintained during the lunch box meal, washed down with coffee from tin cups.

Following luncheon, Judge A. F. Monroe called a special session of his police court where City Attorney Clyde Woodworth preferred a series of charges against the editors. Guests not in the journalism profession served as jurors and the editors were found guilty of every charge.

Judge Monroe sentenced the entire group to attend the next meeting of the Association and to 40 minutes on the rock pile, where press cameras ground as the "convicts" labored.

## **Charter Year Recalled**

Street improvements were the issue of 1927—charter year for Inglewood—when John L. Steinbarger was president of the Chamber of Commerce. That was the year Charles Lindbergh flew here in the first passenger-carrying plane of the Maddux lines, placing Inglewood on the nation's early list of aviation centers.

That year, too, Inglewood responded generously to a call from the Red Cross for food and clothing for Mississippi River flood sufferers. Street dances were held as benefits for this fund and the Chamber of Commerce served as donation headquarters.

### **C. OF C. PROGRESS NOTED**

The "Inglewood Daily News," in its silver anniversary edition honoring the Chamber of Commerce, summed up the 1922-27 activities of that new body with:

"Summing up the first five years in terms of accomplishment, the Chamber of Commerce had been successful in accomplishing the erection of a building of their own, had helped to form a new city charter, had established a Community Chest, aided in passing the sewer bond issue, and had been instrumental in putting across the zoning ordinance, a direct railroad connection to the harbor, the opening of Manchester, the widening of North Commercial Street (now La Brea), the installing of new Market Street lights and the removal of the disfiguring Market Street center poles.

"During 1927, much attention centered upon the development of community welfare. The improvement of parks and playgrounds as well as a city beautification campaign shared the spotlight.

"At the close of 1927 the young Chamber of Commerce had on its books 192 new members and 50 prospective members. Under the guidance of men who possessed high altruistic purposes as well as a great deal of public spirit the fledgeling Chamber was gathering strength of character as it developed toward robustous maturity."

## **The Bean Patch**

Until 1927, that part of the Andrew Bennett ranch on which the airport now stands frequently was planted to lima beans. During harvesting season, Inglewood youngsters would arm themselves with sacks and hunt the dry beans which had been lost in the chaff. It was okeh with the owners for finders to be keepers.

## **Annexation Waxes**

During E. M. Mansur's regime as president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1928, while the subject of annexation by Los Angeles was waxing strong, the civic body not only took a strong stand against that move but also accomplished several other outstanding things. La Brea Avenue was extended clear through to the San Fernando Valley, largely through Chamber efforts. And Mansur accompanied Lieutenant Governor Frank F. Merriam on an inspection tour of surrounding beach areas which resulted in those near Inglewood being purchased by the State of California, thus protecting them from private monopoly.

It was during Mansur's term, also, that the Chamber sponsored the first National Air Races here. Bleachers were erected and the public invited to view the original Wright Brothers Kittyhawk airplane. Among the stunt fliers was Charles A. Lindbergh. Chamber of Commerce members donated sums ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 toward promotion of the races.

## **Time of New Banks**

In 1920, the Inglewood Savings Bank was organized, its stockholders being the same as those for the First National Bank. Quarters were at Market and Queen Streets. A short time later the same stockholders opened the Lennox State Bank and a branch of the First National was opened in Fairview Heights. Later, the entire group was taken over by the Pacific Southwest Bank of Los Angeles which was to change its name to the First National Bank of Los Angeles. Merged with the group almost immediately too was the Inglewood Savings Bank.

Meanwhile, Frank H. Zillgitt headed a group which formed the Citizens Savings Bank and which also opened a branch in Hyde Park. These were purchased by the Security Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles. All were merged in 1929 into the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles.

The Bank of Inglewood was formed on November 26, 1926, with S. M. Greene, E. B. Harris, Judge Newcomb Condee, Ralph F. Lamb, H. D. Moseley, T. G. Stevens and H. H. Zillgitt as its first officers and directors. In 1936, this independent bank became a part of the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, and now is operated as the Inglewood branch of that institution, with Roland E. Robbins as vice-president and manager.

The People's Building and Loan Association also was organized early in this decade by Sanford M. Anderson, Carl Matson, George F. Lepper, A. Fred Krause, W. G. Brown, Judge Frank D. Parent, Robert Haenggi, Roy A. Bush and Clyde Woodworth. Four years later, in 1927, it erected a building at the corner of Market Street and Manchester Boulevard.

An outstanding instance of community cooperation occurred in October, 1926, when Earl W. Porter, Chamber executive secretary, announced that \$16,000 had been raised in two days by voluntary contribution for a Community Chest and city improvement fund.

## **Inglewood Woman's Club**

Nor were Inglewood women of this era out-of-step with the progress of the times. May 10, 1924, the Inglewood Woman's Club in elaborate ceremonies broke ground for its magnificent clubhouse on Hillcrest Boulevard and Redondo Boulevard (now Florence Avenue), on lots donated by Mfs. Grace Freeman Howland, a life member, daughter of the city's founder. The ceremonies were followed by an al fresco meal in Library Park at which congratulatory addresses were made by officials and heads of other civic organizations. The \$20,000 clubhouse was opened January 9, 1925, at a banquet. Library Park now is known as Grevillea Park.

Members later embarked upon a series of benefits to pay off a \$12,000 bank loan. Mrs. Frank D. Parent, building chairman, was among those who opened their homes for such benefits. Her parties were social sensations at the time since radio programs were a rare treat and that was the diversion she offered. After listening to this newest marvel of science, the city's elite were served refreshments.

In addition to playing hostess in her own home to radio program parties, Mrs. Parent was instrumental in getting other members to raise funds for the clubhouse project. Her efforts were appreciated, too, for the "Daily News" of January 10, 1925, reporting on the clubhouse opening, which was described as "an epoch in the social life of the community," commented, "Mrs. Frank D. Parent, who gave untiring effort as chairman of the building committee, was greeted by loud and uproarious applause."

#### PRESIDENTS NAMED

Woman's Club presidents during this decade included Mrs. George M. Green whose term began in 1919 and continued into 1920, Mrs. Samuel A. Barron, Mrs. Clarissa Mosher, Mrs. Robert D. Aylsworth, Mrs. Evan Lewis, Mrs. Fordyce Pye, Mrs. James A. Scoville, Mrs. John McPhee, Mrs. M. A. Hood, and Mrs. Edwin S. Fuller, whose regime began in 1929. Mrs. Lewis died only fifteen days before the formal opening of the clubhouse.

Judge Parent, who headed the Inglewood Realty Board and was clerk of the high school board, was president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1925 when through the efforts of that body and other city improvement organizations the Railroad Commission was persuaded to grant Inglewood a bus line permit providing service from Fifty-Fourth Street and Mesa Drive to Regent Street.

One of the projects on the Chamber of Commerce agenda in 1926 when Sanford M. Anderson headed the board was promotion of a new post office building. Mrs. Clarissa Mosher, postmaster, issued figures showing a large increase in postal receipts and announced authorization from Washington for a superintendent of mails and two extra clerks. That year, Inglewood's became a first class post office.

### **School Earthquake Victim**

The 1920 earthquake severely damaged the main school building. Stores, churches and single rooms throughout the town were rented for school purposes and the upper grades were sent to the high school to attend classes. In February 1921, construction was started on a new school building which faced Queen Street and which became known by that name. The old building was demolished.

In January, 1922, the voters approved a \$39,000 bond issue for the purpose of purchasing school lots, building or buying one or more school buildings, making alterations and additions to other schools, improving grounds, buying supplies and insuring the buildings.

#### SITE DONATED

A month later, the Los Angeles Investment Company donated a site in Fairview Heights for a school. Contract for this school, originally called the Fairview, but now the Centinela, was awarded in August, 1922. The following month, additional lots were authorized by a bond election. H. F. Pelphrey was named a trustee on the Board of Education this year, succeeding G. A. Wetherbee. W. W. Hodgkins was elected to succeed G. R. Westlake. This board served until the resignation of Mrs. Friend, when the board was composed of Pelphrey, Malloy and Hodgkins, who served until 1927, when the adoption of the Inglewood city charter made it mandatory to increase the board to five. Dr. Gail Fehrensen and Lloyd P. Hamilton were added to the board. Hamilton served one year, and resigned, to be succeeded by Don Belding. Upon the reorganization, Dr. Fehrensen was named president and Hodgkins remained clerk.

On March 29, 1929, Dr. Fehrensen and Hodgkins were elected for three-year terms to serve with G. C. England, Belding and Pelphrey. When Hodgkins resigned the next June, E. S. Dixon was appointed to fill his unexpired term.

#### ATTENDANCE INCREASES FIVE-FOLD

School attendance during this period increased from an average of 519 in 1920 to 2,531 in 1930. Faculties during the same period rose from twenty-one to one hundred five. Schools in this decade increased from one to six.

The Centinela School, as already recorded, was built in 1922 for \$65,270. In April, 1925, the Kelso School was built for \$48,473. The following year, the Oak Street School was built at a cost of \$54,345. The Highland School was authorized in January, 1925, and added to in October of 1926 and 1930.

### **Leuzinger High School Born**

El Segundo withdrew from the Union High School district in 1926-27, following Hyde Park's withdrawal in 1923-24. Nevertheless, the district continued to increase and soon facilities of the high school were greatly overtaxed, there being 1,435 students at this time. It became apparent that there would have to be provided another plant for the south end of the district.

A meeting of the qualified electors of Inglewood Union High School district was held in the Inglewood High School auditorium on October 24, 1924. This meeting authorized the Board of Trustees to purchase blocks 24 and 25 of Lawndale Acres as a school site. A second meeting of qualified electors of the district, held in the Inglewood High School auditorium on July 27, 1928, authorized the Board of Trustees to purchase block 26 of Lawndale Acres as an addition to the site. The board was able to purchase all of the block excepts Lots 1 and 2 at a cost of \$15,750. The Board of Trustees requested the county board of supervisors to vacate Avenue Two and Avenue Three between these blocks, and that action was promptly taken.

#### WIMMER SUGGESTS NAME

Honor of suggesting the name of the school goes to J. R. Wimmer of Lawndale. At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 13, 1928, Wimmer made the following motion: "I move that we name the school the 'Adolph Leuzinger High School' for the following reasons: Mr. Leuzinger was appointed on the first Board of Trustees by Mr. Keppel and has been re-elected without opposition every third year since that date. At the end of his present term he will have served 25 years. Mr. Leuzinger has devoted untold hours to the interests of the district, seldom missing a meeting and always giving sage advice to pupil, teacher, principal, and trustee." Wimmer's motion was seconded by Parent and carried unanimously, Leuzinger not voting.

On June 26, 1928, the citizens of Inglewood Union High School voted an issue of \$400,000 in bonds for the building of one or more school buildings on the high school grounds situated at Lawndale Acres on Rosecrans Avenue. The bonds were sold by the Board of Supervisors on August 20, 1928, to the Bank of Italy.

Contracts aggregating \$353,589.25 were awarded on April 19, 1929, and ground was broken by H. E. Knerr & Son on May 15, 1929. Work was rushed to completion, for each contractor had agreed to have the school ready for the second semester, opening on January 27, 1930.

#### CORNERSTONE PLACED

Cornerstone was placed on October 3, 1929, by M. W. Gustav A. Hutaff, Grand Master of Masons of the Jurisdiction of California, assisted by the Grand Lodge.

School opened on January 27, 1930, as a branch high school with pupils in the 9th and 10th grades from Lawndale, Hawthorne and Wiseburn districts in attendance. Enrollment the first day was 268, The second week opened with an enrollment of 285.

Trustees during this period included: 1920-21, Leuzinger, Parent, Nelson, Foster and Moseley; 1921-23, Leuzinger, Nelson, Foster, Moseley and Parent; 1923-24, Leuzinger, Parent, Nelson, Foster and Fillmore of Lawndale; 1924-25, Leuzinger, Parent, Foster, Fillmore and Richardson of Lennox; 1926-27, Leuzinger, Parent, Fillmore, Stevens and Gilliland of Hawthorne; 1927-28, Leuzinger, Parent, Stevens, Fish of Lawndale, Wimmer of Lawndale and Gilliland; 1928-30, Leuzinger, Gilliland, Wimmer, Stevens and Spaulding of Inglewood.

## **The Ku Klux Klan**

Inglewood had its taste of the "roaring '20's", too, and its blackest page in history was turned early in this decade when the masked night riders of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan rode into power on a wave of religious and racial hatred and bigotry. The town was divided in 1921 and 1922 into two camps, Klan and anti-Klan, and Inglewood received national publicity for the daring raids and deeds of the night riders.

Advance notice was given the press concerning raids and flaming crosses. So Los Angeles reporters were present, April 22, 1922, when the home of Fidel Elduayen at Pine and Freeman Avenues was raided. The raid resulted in the death of one man and blindness for another.

Constable M. B. Mosher was the man killed and the coroner's jury decided that he came to his death by a gunshot wound of the abdomen "inflicted by Officer Frank Woerner in the performance of his duty, while the deceased was acting as a member of an illegal, masked and armed mob, presumably instigated and directed by members of the Ku Klux Klan."

The jury recommended the convening of a Grand Jury to investigate and prosecute those responsible.

### **TEMPER OF TIMES**

To show the temper of the times, it is interesting to note that Woerner was "permitted" by the City Trustees to resign when he demanded the pay and title of George W. Reynolds, whose assistant he was, when the latter was promoted from marshal to constable after Mosher's death.

The affair came to a head when Woerner's father invited the Council to witness the presentation of a medal "for valor in the face of odds beyond the call of duty" which District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine was to pin upon him in behalf of the citizens of Dallas, Texas.

The Council refused to attend the ceremonies, scheduled for the steps of the Los Angeles Hall of Justice, and called Woerner's bluff that he would

resign were he not promoted. Woolwine made the presentation in his own office before a group of county employees, eulogizing the former assistant night city marshal in his famous oratorical style.

#### OFFICER SPURNED

Woolwine had more than a passing interest in the case, having been unable to procure a hall in Inglewood from which to plead for orderly process of the law. When he made his appearance from the platform of a truck on one of the main streets, hecklers interrupted him constantly by tooting auto horns.

Metropolitan newspapers turned their best sob sisters and brothers loose on the story of the "heroic marshal" who had lost his job, and one account began, "Frank Woerner today drank the full measure of life's irony."

## **Chapter VI**

### **ADDITIONS AND SUBTRACTIONS**

#### **Hyde and Morningside Parks**

Inglewood's population gain, that had averaged almost 1,000 annually in the little over two score years since it turned its back upon the disappointments which followed its failure to become Southern California's cultural center overnight and turned to the realistic business of becoming a poultry colony, had been marked both by additions and subtractions to its corporate boundaries.

In 1923, the community of Hyde Park withdrew from Inglewood and was annexed by Los Angeles, while five years later the J. B. Roof Company filed a plat for Morningside Park which today houses approximately 16,000 of Inglewood's 42,000 plus population.

#### **SORRY FUTURE PREDICTED**

Those who led the withdrawal of Hyde Park predicted a sorry future for Inglewood when warring factions within the city caused them to take the step which has since led to complete loss of identity as such for that section.

Two years after Hyde Park withdrew, there was a determined effort to force the rest of Inglewood to take similar action.

#### **Unity League Formed**

To resist this concerted effort, the Unity League was formed. A pamphlet printed by the League pointed out that annexation would mean increased taxes, loss of identity, inadequate water facilities, taxation without representation, loss of control of the schools and the necessity of assuming more than \$1,000,000 in debts as its share of the authorized and outstanding bonded indebtedness of the city of Los Angeles.

The League contended, further, that Los Angeles admitted the seriousness of her water situation and pointed out that only cities with an adequate water supply of their own were being solicited by the metropolis to be annexed.

The agitation to annex, the League claimed, was started by persons with personal grievances against members of the Inglewood city government and by Los Angeles city employees residing here. "These persons cannot advance one logical reason for annexation except such personal advantages as they might gain," League literature explained.

#### ANNEXATION DEFEATED

Following a hot campaign, the annexation proposal was beaten hopelessly and Inglewood went forward to prosperity as an integral community of its own.

### **Morningside Park**

Morningside Park in the original subdivision plat fronted on Manchester Boulevard from Van Ness Avenue to Fifth Avenue and north to Seventy-ninth Street. The Mitchell Realty Company took over this property in 1935 and sale of lots, under the impetus of the FHA moved along fast. Unit after unit went on the market, clear to the cemetery at West Boulevard. At first only that area north of Manchester was called Morningside Park. Later, the Improvement Association took in the area south of the boulevard, plus that formerly known as East Inglewood from the golf course and the cemetery east to the city line.

Under the Roof operation, a few houses and apartments had been built. The California Veterans program paved the way for some. The FHA, patterned after the California plan, built the district. South of Manchester, two blocks were built prior to the hectic '30s, and Seventy-sixth Street, south to Eightieth Street, from Van Ness west, was fairly well inhabited.

One could stand on Van Ness and look west through fields clear to Prairie Avenue. Water after a rain furnished a real problem, particularly on Manchester going into Inglewood. Here, two and one-half feet of water at the cemetery after every heavy rain bogged down automobiles and teams of horses pulled them out at \$2 per pull.

#### EARLY BUSINESS LISTED

An early business property was the Chat and Chew resaurant which could seat 10 diners at a time. Its excellent food brought customers from near and far. Today, after many changes, the building houses a motorcycle emporium. Joe Carney was the master lessee of the Morningside Market, built by the Giles Lumber Company. A Mr. Brillhart had the barber and beauty shop and did very well in real estate. Frontage on Manchester Boulevard sold for \$30 a front foot and residential lots with a 63-foot frontage sold for as little as \$250. Manchester



Above: Pimiento Street (now Manchester Boulevard) in pioneer days.

(Photo from Mrs. Grace Howland Collection)

Below: Centinela Springs in the Eighties when it was gushing out of the ground, the source of Inglewood's water supply until recent years.



frontage later increased to \$300 to \$400, while the residential lots rose to \$3,500 or \$4,500.

#### DARBY IMPORTANT "PIONEER"

Raymond V. Darby, who at that time was mayor of Inglewood and is now a Los Angeles County supervisor, built his first Morningside Park business building on the south side of Manchester Boulevard just west of Crenshaw Boulevard. Con's Grill, located in this building, still occupies its original spot. During this period, from 1935 to 1940, building, both residential and commercial, went on apace. The Southside Theaters Corporation built the Fifth Avenue Theater, believing the location to be in Los Angeles.

This caused a race between the Fifth Avenue Theater and the Fox West Coast Academy as to which could be completed first in order to gain a better position so far as sequence of motion picture releases was concerned. The Academy won and later the Southside Corporation sold both the Alto and Fifth Avenue theaters to the Fox West Coast interests. Later, the Alto became independent, but the Fifth Avenue remains in the Fox West Coast chain.

#### MARKET STIMULATES AREA

The establishment of a Ralph's super market at the Manchester and Crenshaw Boulevards corner stimulated that entire area. Dr. J. O. Hayhurst built a drug store and professional building at Eighty-fifth Street. Grayson's, Woolworth's and Sontag, all branches of great mercantile organizations, soon were established. Joe Murr built a bowling alley.

Branches of the Inglewood Fire Department and the County Library were erected in the area, as were also the Warren Lane and Daniel Freeman schools. While the Glick Lumber Company erected a series of apartment buildings and a professional building and Hugh Wright established a furniture store there, all together bringing Morningside an integrated shopping center.

Meanwhile, Supervisor Darby had built the Jim Dandy, now Lynn's. A resident of the Morningside Park area and long interested in properties there, Darby is building a Post Office structure at the southwest corner of Eleventh and Eighty-fifth Streets which has been leased to the government. It was through his efforts that the library was established here, Mrs. Darby having donated the site, and he was instrumental in the American Legion obtaining a lot adjoining the library property upon which that patriotic organization plans soon to build its own quarters.

#### EARLY SETTLERS LISTED

Pioneer Morningside Park residents included the families of R. Elmer Payne, A. Fred Krause, Lloyd P. Hamilton, Albert Blanchard, Horace W.

Follett, Ed Pitcher, Foster D. Himes and Pat Wheeler and the Reed and Merri-man families.

Politically, the Morningside Park area at first was tied in with North Inglewood. Ernie Leibacher was councilman for several terms when the residents felt their interests pointed more toward Los Angeles than Inglewood.

Later, Morningside Park was divided into two districts with Manchester Boulevard as the line. Frank F. Fleischhacker, who also represented North Inglewood, was councilman for the northern area while Shelly D. (Sally) Baird served that south of the boulevard.

#### SINGLE DISTRICT FORMED

Still later, all of Morningside Park and the Shoestring Strip were made into a single district with Stanley A. Tryce as councilman. After the latter's untimely death, H. A. Wight was appointed to fill the unexpired term. He accepted on condition he would not be a candidate for election. Fred Jones succeeded him. Finally after Century Heights came into being, the overpopulated district again was changed, removing the area on the west side of Eighth Avenue from Manchester Boulevard to Ninetieth Street and west to the Country Club to District 4 of which Gene Marzolf is councilman.

Today, Morningside Park is a fine residential district, with churches and schools, library, theaters, bank, restaurants, stores of all kinds, Parent-Teacher Association units, service clubs, a country club, the American Legion, the Hollywood Park race track and a mortuary and cemetery.

### **Improvement Association**

The Morningside Park Improvement Association was organized in 1928 by a small group of property owners that included A. Fred Krause, Horace W. Follett, H. C. Frey, Ruth Blanchard and A. E. Colburn. One of the first things it did was to get a Los Angeles telephone installed in the Inglewood Police Headquarters in order that property owners might readily take advantage of the young city's police and fire protection as the Telephone Company's Inglewood lines only went as far as Prairie Avenue.

The Improvement Association also was responsible for having the city acquire the acreage which is the present site of the Daniel Freeman School. This organization still is very active and has many records to its credit for the continued growth and advancement of the Morningside Park area.

## **Chapter VII**

### **FROM DEPRESSION TO WAR**

#### **Troubled Times Met Democratically**

By 1930, Inglewood was beginning to feel the repercussions of the market crash which was taking its toll of local payrolls. Typical of the community spirit of these troubled times was the offer of George C. Malloy and Clint Spaulding to feed hungry persons free at their drugstore lunch counter. The free meals were arranged so those taking advantage of the arrangement were not embarrassed and many anonymous letters were received by the partners expressing the gratitude of the diners.

J. Warren Lane headed the Chamber of Commerce in the early depression days. In January, 1931, accepting the presidency, he wrote to the board of directors:

"I want you to know that I am very grateful for the honor you have accorded me, not only for myself, but more particularly for the opportunity it affords me to continue, actively, in the service of my friends and the citizens of the Centinela Valley.

#### **GROWTH NOTED**

"During my residence of 25 years in Inglewood I have seen this community grow from a small suburban settlement to a modern city of marked culture and achievement. Along with several others of you, I have enjoyed a rare privilege, a privilege that comes only once in a lifetime. We have watched a city develop and unfurl in what was formerly a semi-arid valley. For ages the land on which Inglewood is situated lay parched and dry beneath the western sun, untilled and uninhabited.

"Millions of gallons of purest sparkling water, rushing and bounding over the rocky bed of a great underground river, was flowing beneath, far below the surface and 'one day,' we know not when, there was an interruption and the bubbling waters of the Centinela Springs came forth from the cool recesses of the earth and continued to the Pacific along the channel of Centinela Creek.

"It remained for the pioneers, many of whom are still here and active members of this Chamber of Commerce, to enter upon the sacred duty of developing the life-giving resources so generously provided by the Creator and to meet the challenge of posterity. The picture we see today tells their story far better than my feeble words can, and furnishes positive proof of their vision and noble purpose. They no doubt builded better than they knew and as a result the people today own their own valuable water supply worth untold millions and a city has been founded—20,000 prosperous citizens, surrounded by thousands of friendly neighbors—reason enough for a successful Chamber of Commerce."

#### RECORD RECALLED

Lane, who had come to Inglewood in 1906 to close out the Los Angeles-Inglewood Floral Company owned by the Inglewood Water Company, served the Chamber as president and executive secretary during 1931, 1932 and 1933, during which Inglewood steadfastly carried on in spite of the national financial crisis. Although some members had to drop from the active list, enough continued to play a role in civic affairs so that the Chamber was able to represent the business interests of the community as it slowly pushed on to a recovery of its own.

### Large Payroll

A 1933 survey of Inglewood's industrial output disclosed that \$1,134,858.42 worth of products were being manufactured here annually by firms with a total payroll of \$359,887.86. Inglewood's population at this time was 25,000. There were sixty acres of parks and landscaped parkways; sixty-five miles of paved streets and ninety-five miles of water mains.

### City on Upgrade

Total building valuation for the first half of 1934 was \$162,193, about \$40,000 more than the previous year, and Inglewood business, under the leadership of George C. Malloy, who with his drug store partner had been benefactor to those in need at the beginning of the depression, began climbing out of the financial morass. Centinela Days showed a small profit that year.

By 1935, Inglewood was beginning to find inspiration for the slogan, "Harbor of the Air," and under the leadership of Harry Van Beaver, the Chamber of Commerce turned its efforts toward improvement of the highways to the airport. A federal grant of \$1,200,000 for airport building construction finally

came through in this year and the growth of the Los Angeles Municipal Airport brought new industry and payrolls to Inglewood.

#### NEW RESIDENTS

The year 1936 saw new families moving to Inglewood in large numbers, building reports showing an increase of 15.2 per cent over previous years. So great was the increase in Inglewood activity this year that the Chamber of Commerce, with Sam T. Hill as president, undertook the study of parking meters.

Homer W. Lewis led the destinies of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce two successive terms during 1937 and 1938, which saw such outstanding developments as the coming of the Hollywood Park track, establishment of a municipal bus depot, and the opening of a bus line to the Morningside area.

A. H. Nieter and J. A. Danielson were the respective presidents of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce during the pre-war boom days that began in 1939. A count taken in 1940 disclosed that more than 2,500 new homes had been erected in this area during that decade and the population had reached 28,000. During Nieter's administration \$5,000 was raised here to aid Hawthorne in bringing the Northrop plant there.

Inglewood by now was serving a retail territory of 100,000 persons within a ten-mile radius. The Chamber of Commerce had grown to 356 active members. The downtown section was fast becoming a mecca for shoppers from all the surrounding unincorporated areas and major manufacturing firms here numbered thirty-eight. Student enrollment rose sharply.

### **One Day Drive Pays Off**

Under Danielson, membership in the Chamber of Commerce rose 108 in one day during a special drive. A survey made in 1941 showed that payroll dollars spent in Centinela Valley had increased from \$1,000,000 in 1929 to \$36,000,000.

The Community Chest was established and 1941 was marked also by the final liquidation of Inglewood's last Mattoon Act district. This brought forth a celebration banquet at Hollywood Turf Club at which the Chamber of Commerce entertained all Los Angeles County officials connected with the project.

Federal and state income tax officials made their first appearances at the Chamber offices in 1941. The number of letter and phone inquiries answered by the Chamber of Commerce staff that year totaled 5,585 and office interviews, 6,000. Significant was the fact that inquiries doubled in December over November—indication of the part the Chamber was to play in the difficult war years ahead.

## **Second Earthquake**

Friday, March 10, 1933, Inglewood was visited by its second earthquake. The first shock was felt at 5:54 p.m. and thereafter there were intermittent shocks of less violence in marked number. There were in excess of 130 minor shocks in 18 hours after the first.

More than 100 plate glass windows in the business houses along North and South Market Street, North and South Commercial Street (now La Brea Avenue), Queen, Regent Street and Manchester Boulevard were shattered. All business was at a standstill. City authorities refused to permit any business to operate until every building has been inspected and approved by the building inspector or his deputies. Three theaters remained closed for several days.

Building housing the post office (Sentinel Building and Hotel) was most severely damaged of any structure in Inglewood. The top two stories of this four-story building were later demolished. An emergency post office service was set up on the street across from the Post Office building, and mail distributed under the direction of Postmaster C. A. Acton.

High school buildings sustained exterior damage, except the Fine Arts building, which was so badly damaged that it had to be practically rebuilt.

Damage to the City Hall amounted to about \$1,000 and was confined mainly to the tower. The library, however, was so badly damaged that it had to be rebuilt and a \$27,000 bond issue was promptly approved to provide funds for this and the rebuilding of Fire Station Number One. Five persons were treated for minor cut and bruises, but there were no fires.

## **Financial Institution Started**

Inglewood Building and Loan Association was chartered on September 15, 1930, and opened for business at 124 North Market Street on December 11, 1930. Officers and directors of the original group were Harvey D. Moseley, president; Dr. Reginald K. Francis and Judge Newcomb Condee, vice-presidents; B. K. Richardson, secretary-manager; Ralph F. Lamb, treasurer; I. M. Jonathan, R. E. Robbins, R. A. Condee, Dr. J. Frank Garrison, R. Elmer Payne, George C. England, Lloyd Lash, F. A. Ewing, Dr. C. W. Farmer, J. R. Williams, Jr., Victor D. McCarthy and Clair D. Spaulding.

The company was converted to a Federal institution on August 31, 1934—the second in California to convert—and changed its name to Inglewood Federal Savings and Loan Association. George C. Kinsfather and Attorney Vernon P. Spencer were added to the board, in the place of R. A. Condee, deceased, and Dr. J. Frank Garrison, and B. K. Richardson became president and manager.

### SINGLE EXCEPTION

By way of contrast with the very excellent record of all of Inglewood's present day financial institutions is the banking episode of the First Exchange State Bank. This organization came into Inglewood during the height of the depression, and engaged in the banking business in a home built for the purpose at 206 East Queen Street. The Inglewood office was made the head office, and branches were maintained at Hawthorne, Lawndale and on South Broadway in Los Angeles.

In 1932 the banks were taken over by the state superintendent of banking. Two of the principal officers, Arthur F. Netzel, president, and Henry Krabben-schmidt, cashier of the Hawthorne branch, were sentenced to the State Penitentiary at San Quentin for misapplication of the bank's funds. The closing of the banks had a demoralizing effect on the valley for some time.

One of the most flagrant incidents of this lamentable incident was that a large number of Inglewood teachers had deposited their salary checks just before the bank closed, and no warning was given them.

## Schools in This Period

Inglewood public schools also were having their ups and downs during the depression period, even to the extent of losing ground both in student enrollment and size of faculty.

The two schools in the Queen Street buildings were reorganized in 1930, with one school for kindergarten through the sixth grade known as the Crozier Elementary School, and the other school for seventh and eighth grades designated as Crozier Intermediate School. A bungalow and a physical education building were added in the same year.

### FREEMAN SCHOOL REQUESTED

Early in 1931, the East Inglewood (now Morningside Park) Improvement Association conferred with the school board on plans for a school site in what is now known as Morningside Park, and later in the year the board asked for sketches for a four-room school building and bought a two-acre school site where Daniel Freeman School stands. Bungalows served until 1938, when a 10-room unit was built with the aid of the WPA.

Influence of the depression on the schools was reflected in a board resolution of April 15, 1931, which provided that the more needy applicants would be considered first in hiring teachers. Considerations were "whether the hus-

band gets a fair salary, where the single applicant depends upon her own earnings, and whether the applicant lives here."

In June the Inglewood Realty Board asked the school board to cut school taxes 30 cents and to require all employees to live in Inglewood. The board replied that many taxes were delinquent and that school was being closed one week earlier than usual in order to cut expenses.

#### IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

In 1930, Miss Lucy H. Purdum was appointed deputy superintendent.

Robert E. Cralle (now Dr. Cralle) was appointed business manager and deputy superintendent for the school district in July, 1931, and was named superintendent the next year, succeeding George W. Crozier, first superintendent of the school district.

Upon Crozier's retirement, the Inglewood Intermediate School was named after him because "he has been connected with the Inglewood city schools for more than 20 years . . . during his entire career as superintendent has given to the children of Inglewood a noble example of devotion." Mr. Crozier died five days after the school was named for him.

In May, 1932, the school board accepted an offer by the certificated teachers that they take a 10 per cent decrease in regular salaries, and a letter to teachers the next month asked all who had two incomes in the family to take a leave of absence.

#### NEW SCHOOL OPENS

Daniel Freeman School was opened in September, 1932, in bungalows moved to the new site at a cost of \$4,906.15 for materials and labor, and three and one-half acres were added to the site in November.

The earthquake of March 10, 1933, badly damaged the Highland, Oak and Kelso schools, which were rebuilt and made earthquake resistant with the aid of RFC federal employment. Free labor obtained through the SERA also was utilized for a four-room unit at Crozier and building an eight-classroom unit and cafeteria at Oak Street that year. CWA labor was used in the demolition of the old Queen Street School and the erection of an administration building at 111 North Grevillea, in which many of the materials from the Queen Street School were used.

School building continued steadily during the years from 1940 to 1944. The school board spent \$62,273 for additional buildings at Crozier School, expanded Freeman and Highlands schools, and spent \$95,200 for a site for the Warren Lane School in Morningside Park, which was opened in bungalows.

## **Get Rich Quick**

Inglewood couldn't be too concerned about the depression because in the back of her mind there was always the dream that the oil boom, begun in the '20s, might yet materialize. Her citizens, not having the vantage of 1949 with two oil disasters in a seven-month period, could still hope to get rich quick via the gusher route.

Oh, there were plenty of protests even in the late '20s and early '30s, but many of them were tempered by the dream of personal gain. There was, for instance, the woman who had moved here two years earlier from Bakersfield "to get away from oil" who appeared before the City Council during the hearing on a request by C. S. Blinn for a permit to drill a well on the south side of Aerick Street.

"Are you leased?" Councilman Raymond V. Darby (later Inglewood mayor and now County Supervisor), asked the protestant.

"Yes," she replied, adding defensively, "but I was the last (property owner) to do so." The reply was greeted with laughter, newspaper accounts of the time point out.

## **Oil Disasters**

A Basin Oil tank farm exploded September 15, 1948, sending towering billows of fire into the sky. Three persons were killed and a trailer court, located across the boulevard, was badly damaged.

Seven months later, a 20,000-pound boiler belonging to the Pike Pipe Company on the Basin Oil property exploded with a roar. Miraculously no one was injured, but there was considerable property damage, including flattening of an oil worker's car and dislodging of utility wire and poles.

## **Current Protests**

These two disasters in the course of only seven months are bringing citizen protests against oil drilling which still are raging as this is written.

By May 12, less than three weeks after the second explosion, an 84-page petition bearing 1,800 signatures of North Inglewood residents had been obtained by the Highland School Parent-Teacher Association. The petition was circulated, not to end all operations by the Basin Oil Company, but to prevent new drilling and to cause the removal of boilers, tanks and sump holes.

At the same time, the petitioners called the field "a public nuisance, dangerous to life and property," and requested action under Section 731 of the California civil code.

## **Cooperative Solution**

Around this same period, a citizens committee made an amicable settlement with the Standard Oil Company regarding moving a derrick at Centinela Avenue and La Tijera Boulevard. The company agreed to move its derrick to the second gulley westward, 16,000 to 17,000 feet from the nearest house. The new site is 40 feet lower than the previous one. Storage tanks are to be in the gulley and operations are to be surrounded by a man-proof fence. The derrick was to be covered with canvas on the two sides nearest the homes.

Harry Marlow was chairman of the committee and he presided at a citizens meeting at which the arrangements were approved. At the same meeting, decision was made to form a permanent North Inglewood organization. One of its immediate objectives was to be the urging of the regional planning commission and the board of county supervisors to rezone the area from heavy manufacturing to a zone of greater restrictions.

Earlier, more than 250 residents of the area had held an impromptu protest meeting at the home of Lieut. Col. Earl Paules, 515 West Hillsdale Avenue, to take action leading toward halting construction of this well which was only two blocks away from the just completed but still unoccupied La Tijera School. They named the citizens committee which later arranged the satisfactory settlement at that time and sought aid from City Attorney Clyde Woodworth, although the well was not within Inglewood city limits.

## **Inglewood, the Steel Center**

The same issue of the "Inglewood Citizen" which reported the actions related above carried the following story:

"Inglewood may become a steel producing city if gas is produced on land owned by the Inglewood Ore Reduction Company at Railroad Street and Meadowbrook Lane, Edward Riveroll, manager, told the city council.

"Riveroll, who said he has fought the large steel companies for years, has a method of producing steel from metallic powder.

"He told the council that he had been trying for years to persuade an oil company to drill on his property and that finally the Cleveland Oil Company had agreed and a permit for drilling was obtained two months ago.

### **EXTENSION SOUGHT**

"He appeared for the oil company which asked for a 60-day extension of time, explaining that it wanted to await the outcome of the present oil controversy and also to drill first on land owned by the City of Los Angeles at Indus-

trial Avenue and Eucalyptus Avenue. It is desired to drill in that area first because of geological reasons, it was said.

"If gas is found under the property, Inglewood will have a commercial steel plant, Riveroll said. The council granted the 60-day extension.

"The Ore Reduction Company is located at 327 North Inglewood Avenue."

### **City's Benefit**

The City of Inglewood received its first direct benefit, aside from permit and licensing fees, from the Basin Oil Company. That was in September, 1947, when it was paid its first royalty check of \$1,510.29.

The Cleveland Oil Company permit—leading to the possibilities of steel production in Inglewood—also will prove to be of benefit to the City of Los Angeles. That metropolis will be able to collect at least \$5,000 a month on that piece of Inglewood land under an emergency drilling agreement.

### **Tragedy Aftermath**

Had it not been for the lamentable tragedy of little Kathy Fiscus who fell down an abandoned water well shaft in San Marino after which heroic workers toiled for 52 hours in a vain effort to rescue her, it is doubtful if the oil situation would have been cleaned up to the extent that it was in the early months of 1949.

In addition to the fatal explosion and fire, and the second explosion in the North Inglewood field, as referred to above, the aftermath of aroused public sentiment obtained the removal of a rig at the southwest corner of Prairie Avenue and East Queen Street that had been an eyesore for approximately 20 years, with no real effort made by city officials to have it removed. A change in an ordinance, however, permitted the company to hold on to its oil rights, even though the derrick was taken down.

The unsightly stumps of the concrete foundation and a retaining wall still remain a neighborhood eyesore.

#### **DERRICK LONG-STANDING**

The site and derrick had become the property of the Basin Oil Company some years after the original owners had failed to bring in a well in this area, known as the East Side Town Lot field, once the site of some of the city's most attractive homes in the 1920s. The recent public outcry also resulted in the

removal of some rigs belonging to the Beloil Company, between Aerick and Regent Streets, and a general cleaning up of noisome and dangerous sumps in which many families had lost pets. Also the fencing in of compressor equipment and other operating areas.

The campaign to abate this nuisance was spearheaded by Tony Siminski, father of a large family, aided and abetted by Father Anthony Reidy of St. John Chrysostom Catholic Church, which plans a new school on what was part of the Howland estate along Grace Avenue.

Years before, when Supervisor Raymond V. Darby was mayor, following strong protests from Morningside Park residents, companies operating in what is known as the Potrero field (on Inglewood Country Club property) had the number of derricks strictly limited.

### **Federal Government Aids High School**

In October, 1935, the voters of the Inglewood Union High School district approved a Public Works Administration grant and bond issue aggregating \$300,000, 45 per cent of which was to be in the form of a P.W.A. grant by the federal government and the district to assume the remaining 55 per cent. The bonds were sold January 6, 1936. The proposal was intended to provide gymnasium, swimming pool, bleachers and athletic field for Leuzinger High School, a class room for Inglewood, and completion of the athletic field on the Sentinal Farm.

This proposal carried and work was completed on these projects in the summer of 1937.

At the beginning of 1938, there were 2,257 students regularly enrolled in Inglewood High School, and 995 regularly enrolled in Leuzinger High School, and both schools were crowded to capacity.

In addition, an evening adult high school was conducted under the general supervision of the Board of Trustees and the regular administrative force of the Inglewood High School. The evening high school had attained such popularity by 1938 that more than 4,000 students were regularly enrolled for the various courses, which included more than fifty separate vocations and classifications. The Inglewood evening high school was the third largest in California, so far as attendance was concerned, being outranked only by Los Angeles and San Francisco.

#### **TRUSTEES NAMED**

Members of the Board of Trustees in this Depression to War period were: 1930-31, Leuzinger, Stevens, C. H. Spaulding, Wimmer and J. E. Dunaway

of Hawthorne; 1931-32, Stevens, Dunaway, Spaulding, Wimmer, A. Leuzinger of Wiseburn and Arthur Leuzinger of Wiseburn; 1932-33, Stevens, B. K. Richardson of Inglewood, Dunaway, Spaulding, A. Leuzinger and H. V. Beaver of Inglewood; 1934-35, Stevens, Richardson, Spaulding, Leuzinger and Beaver; 1935-36, Stevens, Spaulding, Beaver, Leuzinger and W. R. Barclay of Hawthorne; 1936-37, Stevens, Spaulding, Barclay, Beaver and Mrs. Ted Eades of Inglewood; 1937-38, Beaver, Barclay, Spaulding, Mrs. Eades and Frank Ewing; 1939-40, Mrs. Eades, Ewing, Mrs. Berniece Hamilton, Spaulding and Frank E. Anderson; 1940-41, Anderson, Clifford Fraser, Dr. C. A. Forbes, Mrs. Eades and Spaulding.

By 1939-40, James C. Haines had become principal of Inglewood High School, while the same post was held at Leuzinger by Vern J. Rice.

## **Chapter VIII**

### **INGLEWOOD IN WAR DAYS**

#### **Residents Do Bit Willingly**

While Sunday late-risers still were hearing with unbelieving ears the stunning news of the Pearl Harbor sneak attack, Inglewood was springing into action, fully cognizant of its vulnerable position as the West Coast "Harbor of the Air."

The city water department dispatched men to guard its pumps and reservoirs. All air raid observation posts were manned. And the State Guard of 150 men, under the late Capt. Verne L. Aspinwall, and the Emergency Disaster Committee stood by for any possible call.

#### **A City Prepared**

In September, 1940, a far-seeing city council had named Don R. Lewis of the building department as Civilian Defense Coordinator. Named, too, had been an Emergency Disaster Committee, headed by Mayor Raymond V. Darby.

Monday morning after Pearl Harbor, therefore, it was only necessary at a special meeting of the City Council to order Lewis from his building department job and to direct him to give full time to his war-time post; and for Mayor Darby to declare a state of emergency which called the Emergency Disaster Committee into action.

Only other business of note at that fateful meeting was the stipulation that Sam T. Hill, first vice-commander of the Emergency Committee, take over in Darby's place if for any reason the mayor was unable to command the city's disaster machinery. A. Fred Krause was second vice-commander.

#### **Fortnight of Accomplishment**

By the second week of the war, 1,000 men had volunteered for the civilian defense effort. Regular troops were stationed at Hollywood Park. The Police Department had been designated as headquarters for registering for civilian

defense duties. The Girl Scout "Little House" had been announced as Red Cross headquarters for the duration.

Exactly two weeks after Pearl Harbor Sunday, the U.S.O. building on a city-owned seven-acre tract on North La Brea Avenue was dedicated.

By December 30 when the City Council passed a blackout ordinance at the first reading, Inglewood already had undergone three air raid alarms.

## **Air Raid Wardens**

The Air Raid Wardens were organized formally December 29 by Hill and George C. Malloy. The late Fred H. Ward was named chief of this particular effort at civilian defense.

Ward divided the city into five areas and appointed as zone supervisors Ray Magee, Gerald L. Wilkenich, Harold I. Glasoe, Cleon W. Howland and Lou Kreutz. This quintet, in turn, named a supervisor in each precinct, together with a like number of alternates. The supervisors appointed block wardens.

### **WELL-TRAINED**

Air Raid Wardens were schooled in first aid, gases, decontamination and incendiary bombing emergency techniques. Each person was equipped with an arm band, a gas mask, a fire pump and a helmet. Usually women were daytime wardens, while the men took over those duties at night.

Roughly, 1,000 Inglewoodians served as Air Raid Wardens during all or part of the war. W. A. Getten, auxiliary policeman, said:

"While at this time our only equipment was a white arm band, a whistle and a flashlight with a red bulb, every man knew his job and carried out his orders," he recalls. "We worked in harmony and cooperation with the air raid wardens."

This same group of Auxiliary Police, Getten points out, often went to the blood bank in a body, as an example of the many good deeds done in the performance of duty in the care, comfort and protection of the community.

### **AUXILIARY FIREMEN**

Approximately 50 Auxiliary Firemen worked directly under Fire Chief Bacil Roberts and the captains at the various stations.

## **War Comes Home**

"War Comes Home" is the way Inglewood Police Officer Roy Linfield headed the entry in his diary under date of Wednesday, February 5, 1942. That

was the long-remembered "attack" for which the Army and Navy departments of that time never had any satisfactory explanation. And, in fact, their stories are widely divergent, if not contradictory.

Officer Linfield recalls that he had gone home to bed and was fast asleep when he, as well as practically every other citizen, was awakened by the racket of gunfire. He dashed into his uniform, and hastened to his previously assigned post of duty, at the Manchester Boulevard and Market Street intersection, as he now recalls it. So did all other regular and volunteer defense forces.

#### EARLY MORNING ALERT

The alert, or red signal, according to local records, went on at 3:15 a.m. It was on until 7:30 a.m. At 8 a.m. there was another "alert," which lasted until 8:30 a.m.

Local citizens, rudely awakened by the shooting, gazed out to see the sky full of the streaking fire of tracer bullets.

The firing, as seen from high vantage points here, seemed to begin with the anti-aircraft guns over toward Santa Monica, and then in a sort of semi-circle around the coast to the forts in the harbor area. Many perforations from fuses and other bits of shrapnel riddled some roofs, while residents had a field day later in gathering up these evidences of warfare.

Other "alerts" came in the war years, particularly the one on the day a Jap destroyer lobbed a shell or two into the vicinity of the Goleta oil field north of Santa Barbara.

### **Civilian Defense Corps**

The Air Raid Wardens were a part of the Civilian Defense Corps. Some 2,000 persons were enrolled in the Corps, about half of whom were Air Raid Wardens.

Also under the Corps were the auxiliary police and firemen, fire watchers and to a certain extent, the airplane spotters, although these were in direct touch with the Army.

The first class of civilian volunteer defenders—800 strong—was graduated in June of 1942 and new classes opened the following month.

#### AUXILIARY POLICE

Approximately 90 men were trained, uniformed and equipped as auxiliary police during the war emergency. Of these, 50 still are in the police auxiliary reserve, ready to answer the call in any emergency.

These men were under the command of Chief Carl C. Cupp of the Inglewood Police Department, with the exception of the time he was on military leave. During the period of Cupp's military service, Capt. Y. E. Muir, now retired, was acting chief for both the regular and auxiliary police personnel.

W. T. Stewart of Morningside Park was Chief of Auxiliary Police (under the regular chief), with Gilbert A. Reiling captain of the auxiliaries west of Prairie Avenue, and Earl Beardon captain of the Morningside Park contingent.

#### MORNINGSIDE EXPERIENCES

William A. Getten, who was a member of the Morningside Park Auxiliary Police, recalls the first blackout when the men of his unit were on the job quickly and worked their respective posts without confusion.

Chief Air Raid Warden Ward found scraps of shrapnel several inches long which had whistled over the heads of residents during the anti-aircraft barrage of the early morning of February 25, 1942, good material with which to illustrate his constant campaign of civilian caution.

Meanwhile, most Inglewoodians were wearing "dog tags" (not "der Tag") as a means of identification in the event of disaster.

### War Council

By early 1942, a War Council had been organized to direct all civilian effort. Mayor Raymond V. Darby was named chairman, and Hill, vice-chairman, of this. Lewis, coordinator and executive officer; Ed Retzer, assistant coordinator; Dr. Lionel de Silva, Krause, Jess J. Klein and Clifford A. Kreutz were the other members.

Individual citizens, meanwhile, were doing more than their bit. Louis B. Hardin, Jr., for example, around this time presented the city with a \$2,500 ambulance. On March 17, 1942, the city accepted its second free ambulance, this time from the Inglewood Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps.

### Other Volunteers

Young men were swarming to the enlistment offices. George V. Carter, Jr., 418 Centinela Boulevard, won the distinction among nearly 100 young men vying for that honor to become the first Inglewood military volunteer after outbreak of hostilities. A little later, Eugene Abraham Lincoln Lewis, 909 East 68th Street, became the first to enlist at Inglewood's own Naval recruiting

station. This at the instance of Mayor Raymond V. Darby, had been established in the Grevillea Park bond shell.

## **Medical Corps**

Early in the war, Kreutz organized and Dr. J. Frank Garrison became chief medical officer, of the Medical Corps first aid stations, personnel and equipment. One station was established at each of the Inglewood city schools.

As an example of the Corps service, here is the record of the Daniel Freeman School which was designated as Casualty Station No. 3. With Dr. P. C. Lawyer as chief medical officer, the station also functioned as a part of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross. It was available for aid to other communities in the event theirs should be the greater need in an emergency. Supplies for the station were furnished by the Red Cross.

Besides Dr. Lawyer, the original personnel included Clay Reynolds, adjutant; E. J. Honts, alternate adjutant; Mrs. Pearle Otsea, liaison officer; Dr. Joseph O. Hayhurst, alternate chief medical officer; Drs. R. L. Francis, L. E. Rogers, R. C. Letson, Fred Ott and Andrew Landen, all members of the medical staff; Aneta Hansen, supervisor of nurses, with Mary Reddick, Charlotte Denniston, Grace Fishbeck, Mrs. E. L. Cieck, Nina Lawyer and Marie Miller, all members of her staff; Mrs. Yolande Smith, Grayce Behnke, Ralph McNece and Glenn Walker, all clerks.

## **TRANSPORTATION WORKERS**

On the transportation staff were W. W. Peck, ambulances; Dr. Rogers and Burt Aiken, station wagons; Harold Stockwell, panel body vehicles; Edward Starr and Hirsh Finn, pick-up trucks; C. P. Moores, Frank Read, Lyman Litman and A. O. Otsea, ambulance drivers. Key persons on the staff of Red Cross first aid workers, which at one time numbered twenty-eight, were Mrs. Juliette Moore and Mrs. Janet Riach, key phoners; Mrs. Gladys Diehl and Mrs. Gertrude Taylor, receiving unit; Mrs. Florence Olcott and Miss Betty Zinn, surgery unit; Olive Bunker, recovery unit; Mrs. Charles Moore and Mrs. Agnes Howarth, convalescent unit; H. Magee and R. Foose, decontamination unit; A. W. Blass and R. E. Block, stretcher bearers.

The persons who were the original workers in the main continued working until the station was closed. However, there were substitutions from time to time. Regular meetings were held to discuss ways and means of maintaining the station. Drills were conducted in putting up the black-out equipment, getting out stretchers, setting up all the supplies needed. Much time was spent

perfecting the organization of workers doing the telephoning so that personnel would be called without delay when the "yellow" and "blue" alerts were sent from headquarters.

## **Marine Reserve Company**

D Company, 13th Battalion, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, organized in Inglewood by Second Lieut. Horace W. Card (now Colonel, U.S.M.C.R.) included the first local men to see active duty and actual action in the second world war.

This unit was given headquarters in the basement of the Library Building in Grevillea Park. Weekly drills were conducted and officers and men attended annual summer camps at the Marine Base at San Diego. It also was mobilized for guard duty and policing in Inglewood and Compton for several days following the disastrous 1933 quake.

Previous to its departure for active duty following a mobilization call in November of 1940, or more than a year before Pearl Harbor, the outfit was given an inspiring community farewell dinner at the Veterans' Memorial Building. Probably the singing of the Corps song, "The Halls of Montezuma," never before had elicited such a thrill here.

The company left under the command of Lieut. Glenn D. Morgan. Almost immediately the personnel was divided among other units of the Corps, most of them being assigned to ship duty. Lieutenant Morgan, however, on duty at Guam, was taken prisoner there by the Japs and spent the rest of the war as a prisoner. H. W. Card, son of Colonel Card, the youngest member of the original D Company, as a Marine enlisted man, went through the Pearl Harbor disaster on the Battleship Pennsylvania, became a second lieutenant before his 20th birthday, distinguished himself in the Pacific as an artillery officer and now is a captain in the regular establishment.

Another former member of the local unit, Edson Card, had an equally gratifying career, was awarded a number of decorations, and also now is a captain in the Corps. Several other former D Company members also achieved commissioned and non-commissioned rank during the war.

## **Rationing**

Jerrold A. Stern was named chairman of the rubber rationing committee, established January 5, 1942. Named to serve with him were F. W. McManus and Mrs. Juanita Bush. By the end of February, the forthcoming transition of

the rubber rationing committee to the Inglewood War Price and Rationing Board was apparent with the appointment of six alternate members, George M. Green, Gilbert H. Tegelberg, Mrs. Alice Willis, the late Raymond Boyd, Robert McCallum, and Miss Mary Jo Anderson.

Green was appointed executive secretary of the Inglewood Rationing Board early in July of 1942. Stern remained chairman throughout.

Originally intended to regulate the use of tires by rationing gasoline (and who doesn't remember the "A," "B," and "C" gasoline cards?), subsequently the board was called upon to ration coffee and then sugar.

Later it became the rationing agency for other scarce commodities, including canned goods, oleomargarine, butter, etc., which made the meat market and grocery trade an immense amount of additional work.

Many of Inglewood's most prominent and busiest citizens sat on panels and there were scores of women volunteer workers in addition to a paid staff.

## **Draft Boards**

Harry Van Beaver served as chairman of the Inglewood Draft Board six and one-half years, a fact that, with other war-time activity, was to win him the American Legion Post 188 1947 award for "outstanding community service."

Beaver took over the unpleasant task of directing the choice of which young men were to go to war and which stay at home, before the outbreak of hostilities in 1940. He remained at his post until the war's end.

John A. Simpson was chairman of the Morningside Park Draft Board.

Clinton H. Spaulding was the first secretary of the Inglewood Board and was succeeded by Jess J. Klein. Dr. Daniel E. Hartwell succeeded the late P. Ray Mowrey as a board member. Walter B. Alexander and former City Councilman Ralph D. Martin were among those on the Advisory Board.

## **Accounting Endless**

When Civilian Defense Coordinator Lewis protested to Washington the proposed allocation of only 30,114 gas masks to Inglewood early in the war, he little dreamed—not only that none of them ever would be needed—but also that it would take him until late in 1947 to wind up the involved bookkeeping entailed in keeping track of the 3,900 gas masks, among the thousands of dollars worth of civilian defense equipment, actually issued.

The masks were billed to the city at \$3 each and they alone were retained at the close of the war. Of these, 2,000 were issued to the defense corps and the rest to workers in nearby war plants.

Accounted for and returned by Lewis were two complete first aid station equipment sets, a number of portable sets, five gas-engine driven pumps for fire-fighting, 1,245 steel helmets for air raid wardens, 1,952 four-gallon pump tanks, 2,800 feet of 2½-inch and 1,400 feet of 1½-inch hose.

## **Citizens Service Corps**

Early in 1943, Inglewood mobilized the home front into a Citizens Service Corps as a part of the national body of that name. Don R. Lewis, OCD coordinator, supervised the group which was directed by Dr. Lionel De Silva of Inglewood city schools. Workers in various departments of the organization tackled such home front problems as community victory gardens, child care, recreational services, distribution of rationing information, etc.

Serving on the executive committee were Mrs. Kathleen Mumma, secretary; A. O. Duer, chief of block leaders; James D. Johnson, assistant chief of block leaders; James C. Haines, Emerson M. Johnson, salvage committee chairman; Mrs. Jessie Ewing, nutrition committee chairman; Chester A. Taft, recreation committee chairman, and others.

The city was divided into six school zones, each with a zone leader. The zones, in turn, were divided into precincts, then blocks, each with its respective leaders. Zone leaders were Mrs. William E. Pearce, Mrs. Ethel Hudnall, assisted by Mrs. Ethel Hess, Mrs. Rheba Cramer, W. H. Reuter, Carlton Ward and Mrs. Betty Finley.

## **Victory House**

Victory House, as it was known, a small frame structure set up at the Market Street entrance to Commercial Place, was in charge of Mrs. Russell H. Zillgitt, a former president of the Inglewood Woman Club, throughout the war, as chief supervisor. Paul V. Greene was chairman of the Victory House Committee.

It began operation September 28, 1942, and continued through the various war savings and victory bond campaigns. At first given over to the sale of war stamps only, it soon developed into a headquarters for sale of both, with volunteer staffs of women, the bond saleswomen being bonded as well as selling bonds.

Greene was in charge of Victory House nominally, but Mrs. Zillgitt, as chief supervisor, spent practically all of her time there. Its largest day's sale amounted to \$76,000.

### TOTAL OVER \$1,000,000

Victory House closed its doors January 27, 1946, after rolling up war bond sales of \$1,070,725, according to B. K. Richardson, Inglewood war finance chairman.

Mrs. Zillgitt carries one of those silver dollars issued by the U. S. Treasury conveying the government's gratitude for her war bond sales activities. Only four other persons in Inglewood were awarded these tokens.

## **Red Cross**

The activities of the American Red Cross in war time and peace are so well known that we have not attempted to recount them here.

In order, however, to give credit where credit is due, it is well to remember that Harvey A. Drinkwine was chairman of the Inglewood-Lennox branch of the Los Angeles chapter at the outbreak of war. He was succeeded in May, 1942, by Mrs. Kathleen Mumma, who served two years. She, in turn, was followed by Mae Baxter, who also served two years.

## **Navy Mothers Club**

In June of 1942, the Inglewood Navy Mothers Club was formed with 33 charter members at a meeting held in the U.S.O. clubhouse. Ruth Minard served as commander pro tem.

## **Junior Chamber Rite**

For the 15 members of the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce in uniform during the Second World War, a novel rite was conducted during the 1944 administration of President Walter E. Haskell.

A hat rack was installed at its meeting place, on which was placed a service flag, bearing a star for each of these men in the armed services. And on the rack was placed the hat of these men, to await their regaining them after they doffed the uniform for civilian clothes. This touching and unusual tribute was accorded wide publicity due to its unique idea. Mrs. Rose Beeler, wife of one of the service men, was called upon to place the civilian headgear on the hat rack.

## **Honored**

That summer also, Lee Anderson, Lee Wright, W. K. Walsh and Mrs. Willella Ashbaugh—each with more than 100 hours of aircraft observation to their credit—were presented arm bands by the Fourth Fighter Command, U.S.A.

## **Chamber in War Years**

The Chamber of Commerce played its own particular role in Inglewood during World War II. Under the leadership of Roland E. Robbins during the first year of the war, the Chamber acted as a clearing house of information on all matters pertaining to civilian defense.

Wartime stimulated all industrial activity and brought many new workers and their families to the city. The housing shortage which resulted was an ever-present problem and the Chamber gave much attention to trying to alleviate this scarcity.

So greatly was the Chamber interested in this subject that in August of 1942, it was represented at a special meeting of the War Production Board in New York by Robert Steele Hartman, its executive secretary. Hartman conferred with federal officials on priorities and strategic use of building materials, as well as housing shortages and other matters of primary importance to the people of Inglewood in wartime.

### **PAYROLLS INCREASE**

Meanwhile, Inglewood payrolls were increasing by leaps and bounds, reaching more than \$4,000,000 by the end of 1942 for the city and \$60,000,000 in this trading area. The industrial committee of the Chamber worked continuously throughout the war emergency with the small manufacturers, aiding them in every possible way.

By the end of 1942, membership in the Chamber had increased to 522, or 122 more than 1941. Vernon P. Spencer was the 1943 president of this active body. He continued the various wartime programs and inaugurated other activities, of which a concentrated effort to alleviate wartime travel difficulties was one.

Postwar planning also began in Spencer's term and factory reconversion problems were given wide study. Postwar civic improvement plans also dotted committee agenda.

### **POSTWAR PLANNING FEATURED**

Wartime problems and postwar planning also were the concern of the 1944 Chamber of Commerce, of which Frank H. Afton was president. During this year the brochure, "Contact," began to be published in order to keep Chamber members better informed about the activities of that civic group. By the middle of this year, Inglewood, according to the United States Employment Service, had 50,337 persons engaged in industry.

How closely the work of the Chamber of Commerce was integrated with Inglewood's war effort was proved in 1945 under the presidency of Jack R. Williams when two of its directors, Harry Van Beaver and John A. Simpson, served as chairmen of two Selective Service Boards. A third director, Vernon P. Spencer, was legal advisor to both boards. At the same time, war bond sales were being directed by B. K. (Dick) Richardson. Al H. Nieter was in charge of the War Chest drive. Harry Welsh represented the Chamber in the Red Cross. Jerrold A. Stern headed the ration board. Paul V. Greene and Roland E. Robbins kept the membership posted on the city's postwar planning committee.

#### PARKING METERS INSTALLED

This year also saw the culmination of Sam T. Hill's 1936 vision about installing parking meters.

The publicity committee of the Chamber of Commerce prepared and had mailed more than 25,000 pamphlets advertising Inglewood in 1945. In the same year, more than 5,000 maps also were distributed.

A three-day drive conducted by the building and finance committee brought the Chamber within \$1,500 of its \$30,000 goal for a new building. By November, Chairman Stern was able to announce that the goal had been reached.

### **Civic War Leaves**

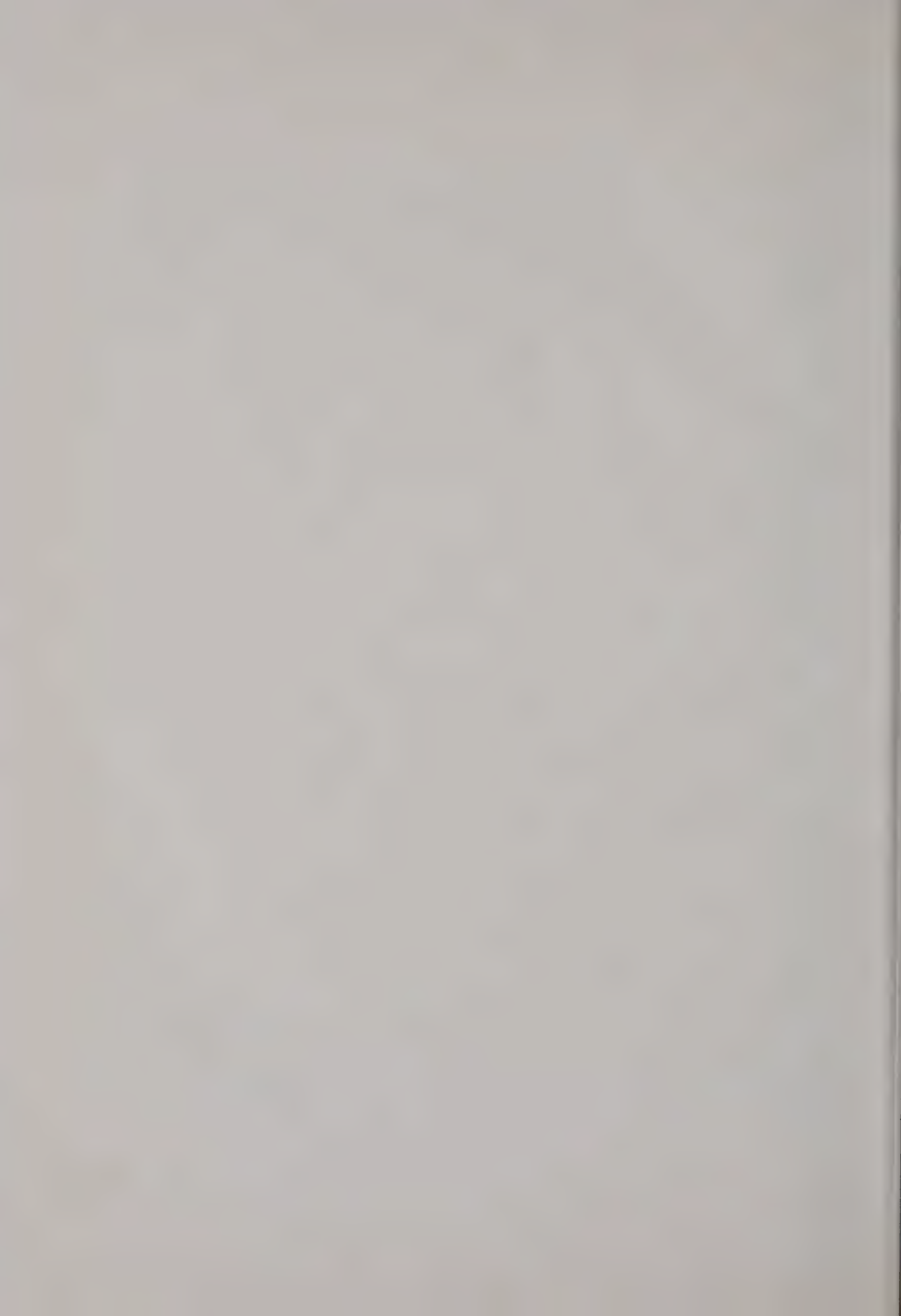
The Inglewood City Council early in 1943 adopted an amendment to the civil service ordinance permitting emergency leaves of absence without pay, as a war measure for employees wishing to enter war industries. Such leaves were for the duration of the war, plus 60 days. Employees taking advantage of the arrangement were to be allowed to return after 30 days from the date on which their leaves started only at the discretion of and permission from the city council.

### **Veterans Organizations**

Veterans organizations with their auxiliaries in Inglewood growing out of World Wars I and II include American Legion Post 188 and auxiliary unit, American Legion Post 398, Morningside Park; American Veterans Committee; Disabled American Veterans Chapter 30 and auxiliary; and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States with its auxiliary.



INGLEWOOD VETERANS MEMORIAL



Other patriotic organizations prominent here are Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of the United Spanish War Veterans, Fort 54; Grand Army of the Republic Women's Relief Corp, Post 119; United Spanish War Veterans, Charles E. Clark Camp 78; and its Auxiliary No. 51; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its auxiliary.

### **Inglewood Post 188, American Legion**

Now the largest American Legion group in the 23rd District, Inglewood Post 188 was organized in 1919 in the old Studebaker Agency structure located where the Frank H. Afton Building now stands. The post that now numbers 700 members, in those days had 35 to 40 enrolled, but attendance at meetings frequently ran higher.

Later meeting places included the Parent Building, the old Chamber of Commerce Building, the Woolworth Building, Odd Fellows Hall and the rooms above the present Inglewood Drug Store.

Four years after its own founding, the post organized an auxiliary, Inglewood Unit 188.

Arthur Badenoch, Col. Thomas Jennings, Thomas E. Trulove and the late Fred Laxdal were the first four post commanders, while Mrs. Myrne Aspinwall, widow of Captain Aspinwall, was the initial president of the auxiliary.

#### **"JITNEY" DINNERS**

Members of the group in the early days still recall with pleasure such social events as the "jitney" dinners, Hallowe'en carnivals and the merriment which followed Poppy Day when auxiliary women made any Post man not wearing that patriotic flower walk to the clubrooms to buy another, in spite of any protests as to previous purchases.

William Kreitz, Sr., and Ollie Grainger shared 1923-24 as Post commanders. It was during Kreitz's administration that the two cannon—since dedicated to World War II—were placed in front of the Inglewood Public Library. The cannon later were moved to the Veterans Memorial Building site where they stood as a reminder of World War I until they were donated to the scrap iron collection. Kreitz's partial term also was marked by Grainger's flying a plane over the city bearing banners in support of a successful school bond drive.

Barney Aspinwall, World War I veteran who was a casualty of World War II; Louis Harden, Jr., Stanley Thatcher, LeRoy Dixon, Homer Chaillaux were the next commanders.

#### DISTINGUISHED MEMBER

The last-named was to become the outstanding Legionnaire of Inglewood Post, later serving as District, then State commander, and finally director of the National Americanism commission and department adjutant before his sudden death. Chaillaux was given full military honors at his funeral from the local Veterans Memorial Building and his body interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

James Cortner, Thomas Wise and Jess Klein were commanders during the period of 1929 to 1932. Wise and Klein both became district commanders and Wise later was department adjutant.

The late Oscar Earl Current was 1932 commander, followed by Don Lewis. Abe Elson was 1934-35 commander when the post moved with other veterans organizations into the Veterans Memorial Building in Centinela Park and monies which before the depression had been intended as the nucleus of a building fund, were diverted to purchase furnishings for the new home.

#### GENEROSITY PLEASES

At the dedication service, Post and Auxiliary members expressed satisfaction that the building had been erected on land owned by their group and sold to the city for \$1. A giant facsimile of the check now hangs in the present Legion Clubhouse.

Elton D. Boone was installed as commander in 1935 by Paul Ballinger, District commander. Gladys Greenleaf was installed Auxiliary president. That year, the Post ritual team installed Klein as District commander and traveled widely. Klein had been team captain. Among others serving on it were Gil Venables, Al Greenleaf, Garnett Keith, Jim Cortner, Nate Reeves and Frank Edmonds.

#### SONS INSTALLED

On December 13, 1935, new officers of the Sons of the American Legion were installed at Inglewood High School with Jack Klein as first captain. He and H. W. Card (the latter a son of Col. Horace W. Card, U.S.M.C.R.) both were honored with special cap emblems.

John Madigan and Greenleaf shared the following year, to be followed by Venables. It was during 1937 that Kreitz persuaded the City Council to vote \$600 to send a post delegation to the national convention in Stockton "to advertise Inglewood." The money, after many fireworks, was returned to the Council by the Post.

That year also marked the first time the Post sponsored youths to Boys State, sending John Cunningham and Hollis Hanchett as representatives.

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1938 EVENTFUL YEAR

Nearly 26,000 attended the annual July 4th celebration sponsored by the Post in 1938 when Keith served as commander. That year the Inglewood Post placed a marching unit in the parade of the Los Angeles national convention and a float in the Coliseum ceremonies. It also established headquarters in the neighboring metropolis and many of its members served on convention committees. John Simons and Alfred Saplis were sponsored to Boys State and 800 children were cared for at the annual Christmas party of which the late Dave Bulloch was chairman.

The year 1940 saw Safety First take over as commander. Outstanding event in his regime proved to be a visit from Glendale Post, which arrived in a blaze of glory with drum and bugle corps, 15 candidates for initiation and all the color and noise to be desired. Also during this year, a permit was asked of the City Council to stage professional boxing and wrestling matches. An attempt to start a dental clinic in Inglewood was championed by Bulloch.

## ARMY TAKES OVER

With World War II, the Army took over the Veterans Memorial Building and the Post, of which Chester Drake was commander, had to seek new quarters. B.P.O.E. came to the rescue and meetings were held in the Elks Building. Activity was diverted to war effort and various Post members, such as Aspinwall and Colonel Card, felt the call to duty. The usual social activities of the Legion were curtailed and the excitement and color of national conventions were dispensed with as winning the war occupied the thoughts of all.

Lloyd Prather, George Bradford, Spargur H. Frowein, Trulove (for a second term) and the late Edgar Wilson carried the post through the war years.

## NEW VETERANS ELIGIBLE

During these years, legislation was passed which extended the privileges of American Legion membership to World War II veterans and the Post opened a whole new chapter in its history for it saw the continuance of its programs of rehabilitation, child welfare, legislation, Boys State, and service work in all its phases becoming even more vital.

The preamble of the constitution of the American Legion was changed by convention mandate to read "the memories and incidents of our associations during the Great Wars" and the efforts of service officers and Legion officials was extended to include benefits and privileges for both World War I and World War II veterans.

With the close of war, Inglewood Post was among the first to elect a World War II veteran, Paul Draeger, to commandership. The meetings moved

back to the Veterans Memorial Building, which gradually was restored to some of its old beauty. Also, during this year, activity was renewed for the building of a Legion Clubhouse.

In February, 1948, the cornerstone was laid for the building now known as Post 188 Clubhouse on North La Brea Avenue. That July, another World War II veteran, Joe Bookman, took over the commandership, and the post made its long-awaited move into its own clubhouse.

Forrest Sennett recently was succeeded as Commander by William K. Kreitz, Jr.

A corporation was formed to finance the new building on North La Brea Avenue. Kreitz was named as president. The building corporation will rent the building to the Post until it is paid for. At this writing it has just completed a \$10,000 addition that has doubled the size of the auditorium and provides kitchen space.

Kreitz subsequently was made a life member of the Post for his outstanding services as head of the Post building corporation.

## **Morningside Park Post 398**

During the latter part of 1943, a group of World War I veterans decided to form an American Legion Post in the Morningside Park area to aid in the rehabilitation of service men returning to Inglewood after VJ Day.

Preliminary organization was done at meetings in the homes of the various veterans and the first general session was held October 21, 1943, in the cottage at Daniel Freeman School.

### **CHARTER OFFICERS NAMED**

Charter officers named then included William A. Getten, commander; Robert J. Dickie and John A. Simpson, vice-commanders; Floyd L. Burt, sergeant-at-arms; John W. Rausler, chaplain; John T. Lloyd, finance officer; Tracy C. Hicks, judge advocate; Frank H. Held, service officer; Howard C. Cantley, historian; Earl Wright, adjutant; Clay B. Reynolds, Dan W. Cox, Roscoe H. Pfeifer and Herman Breier, members of executive committee.

This staff was installed at a gala dinner early in December in Los Angeles at which there were 300 guests, among them State Senator Jack Tenney and Supervisor (then Mayor) Raymond V. Darby. Among Legion leaders attending were Department Commander William P. Haughton, Area Commander John J. MacGillvray, County Council Commander L. F. Olson and District Commander Ray W. Podmore.

## 1944 STAFF TOLD

Officers for 1944 when the post accounted for more than \$16,000 in the Fourth War Bond drive, were Hicks, commander; Held and Reynolds, vice-commanders; Lloyd, finance officer; Larry A. Jennings, judge advocate; Francis E. Podas, sergeant-at-arms; Dr. Edward S. Todd, chaplain; Donald H. Southwell, adjutant; Arnold F. Horning, assistant adjutant; Joseph L. Dory, Andrew F. Johnson and Clark H. Chose, executive committeemen. Membership doubled this year.

With Held as 1945 commander, the Post stepped up its campaign to erect its own building and was able to purchase its lot as the first step in achieving its goal of a clubhouse. Hicks and Ernest Clapp were on the building committee.

## OTHERS ON STAFF

Serving with Held were Reynolds and Joseph Farino, vice-commanders; Allen Cramer, finance officer; Jennings, judge advocate; Lloyd, service officer; Clarence B. Stanley, sergeant-at-arms; Dr. Todd, chaplain; Edward Ourada, historian; Don Southwell, adjutant; Tracy Odell, G. Earl Wright, Robert J. Dickie, Dan Cox and Albert R. Niles, executive committee.

In addition to hospital visitations and other rehabilitation work, the Post extended its activities in 1946 to support a junior baseball team and to send Harold Chaney to Boys State. The 1946 staff, headed by Reynolds as commander, included two women, Anita McLemore as finance officer and Pauline Schartoff as historian. Completing the staff were Odell and Ourada, vice-commanders; Jack Doran, sergeant-at-arms; Dee Lenoir, chaplain; Arnold Greer, judge advocate; Lloyd, service officer; William F. Kummer, adjutant; Joe Farino, Fred Carr, Allen Cramer, Dr. Todd and Southwell, executive committeemen. William Leahy and Greer served on the building committee.

## COMMANDER RESIGNS

Odell was commander during the early part of 1947 and was succeeded, when he resigned, by Fred Jones, finance officer, whose successor, in turn, was Anita McLemore. Frank Barber and Jack Yeager divided the post of sergeant-at-arms during the year. Other officers were Dr. Todd and Greer, vice-commanders; Donald Geist, chaplain; Charles Sharritt, judge advocate; Lloyd, service officer; Oscar Hahala, historian; Robert Geist, adjutant; Frank Held, Ed Ourada, Sid Geist, Ray McDaniels and Ralph Reynolds, executive committeemen. Building committeemen included Ed Ross, Bob Dickie and Getten.

As a means of conquering juvenile delinquency, the Post converted a vacant lot into a baseball diamond and formed a school to teach the great

American pastime. Bob Blanchard and Dick Apil were sent to Boys State and the post sponsored an Americanism essay contest at Inglewood High School. Stop signs for busy intersections were a civic project of the Post this year and the building fund was added to by a benefit fiesta and barbeque. Lloyd was cited for his rehabilitation work.

#### CURRENT LEADERS NAMED

New leaders for 1948-49 are Dr. Todd, commander; Robert B. Jahn and Francis R. Fowler, vice-commanders; Charles Mosnik, sergeant-at-arms; O. B. Browne, chaplain; Harold Potter, finance officer; Charles Sharrit, judge advocate; Lloyd, service officer; Hakala, historian; Everett Rauh, adjutant; Robert J. Dickie, A. H. Wright, Ross and Held, executive committeemen.

Recently the Post sold its original lot at a profit and purchased another. It awarded a heroism citation to Ruth Oriani for rescuing a 2-year-old boy from an oil sump. Lyman Litman was cited for outstanding work with boys. Junior baseball is being continued and the Post still has as its primary object the aid and rehabilitation of veterans and their families.

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

Some well-known men, including City Clerk Leonard Fox, have been commanders of Inglewood Post 1122, Veterans of Foreign Wars. And the charter commander was a Congressional Legion of Honor man, name of Frank Ward, according to Claude Oberer, the present post adjutant. Other charter officers included John (Jack) Wilson, officer of the day, who also provided invaluable information.

It was around the table one evening at the Wilson home at 4859 Lennox Boulevard that ten men gathered to meet with him and a national organizer for the V.F.W. who had been around for some time but who hitherto had been unsuccessful in arousing local interest. As this group sat around the table and ate the remains of Mrs. Wilson's birthday cake (it was her birthday, May 1, 1931), they came to the decision to start a post. And these are the first names on the post charter that still hangs in the Veterans' Memorial Building.

#### CHARTERED IN 1931

The Post was chartered May 23, 1931, with Ward as commander. Other charter officers: Thomas A. Delaney, senior vice-commander; John F. Rudd, junior vice-commander; Howard E. Bullock, quartermaster; D. J. Walker, adjutant; John Wilson, officer of the day, and Charles S. Murphy, chaplain.

Other past commanders since that day, in their order: Harry Franks (deceased), Gilbert H. Tegelberg, Ed Retzer, John Wilson, H. O. Hartley, Harry Grimes, Howard Bullock, Alvin Kime (now department commander), Leonard Fox, Harry Goodrich, Harry Pannell, Bert Beavers, Harvey Tyrrell, William Hughes, Lester Fahy, H. E. Simmons and the incumbent, Lloyd Brugmann.

Although still meeting at the Veterans Memorial Building the first and third Thursdays of the month, the Post also maintains a clubhouse at 335 East Florence Avenue to which it plans to make substantial additions. It recently sold its former clubhouse at 1010 East Hyde Park Boulevard.

#### OFFICERS NAMED

Present officers of the Post are: Lloyd Brugmann, commander, Gerald L. Morley, senior vice-commander; Ray C. Fernelius, junior vice-commander; James Fred Nelson, chaplain; James Walker, quartermaster; Eddie Donner, surgeon; Harvey Earle Simmons, judge advocate; William Wilson, officer of the day; Joseph Jorvik, guard, and John R. Sowell, Otto Richter and Charles K. Lunt, trustees.

Speaking of the "first ten," not including Wilson, they appear on the charter as follows: Frank Ward, John Wilson, John F. Rudd, Thomas A. Delaney, Howard E. Bullock, Charles S. Murphy, James B. Greer, Ernest Wright, Jack T. Gates and William E. Cooper.

### **D. A. V. Post 30**

Dean W. Harris and the late Charles Murphy were the moving spirits in the inception of the Disabled American Veterans Post No. 30 here away back in 1929. That was after Harris had been in the Veterans Hospital at Sawtelle for some two and a half years for service-incurred disabilities.

Col. Tom Jennings was the charter senior vice-commander; the late Fred E. Laxdal, one of Inglewood's most colorful postmasters on or about that time, was the junior vice-commander; James D. Griffith was adjutant, and Murphy, chaplain. Wilkie C. Fusman was named executive committeeman.

Present officers are: Henry Dorsett, commander; Thurston M. Dines, senior vice-commander; Phil Weber, junior vice-commander; Joseph Spina, chaplain; C. C. Crowell, treasurer, and George T. La Clair, post adjutant. The Post now has approximately 200 members. Meetings are the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Veterans Memorial Building.

## **United Spanish War Veterans**

Charles E. Clark Camp No. 78, United Spanish War Veterans, was instituted in Inglewood April 12, 1923, with Arthur Rehberg as the charter commander. At present it has approximately 100 members on the roster and the incumbent commander is Francis Masters. The Camp meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Veterans Memorial Building.

As all the veterans organizations have an auxiliary and space does not permit inclusion of all of these, although the author is inclined to believe that if it were not for the women, the men's organizations would be in a bad way, we mention Mrs. Dorothy Tempest of 608 West Magnolia Avenue as the incumbent president of the Camp Auxiliary and a member for 17 years. She also is a member of the Daughters of the United Spanish War Veterans group sponsored by the Camp, which also sponsors the sons' group.

## **War Memorial**

That Inglewood had not forgotten its brave men and women who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II was proved Memorial Day of 1948 when it dedicated in impressive public ceremonies its 18-foot high marble War Memorial. John D. Flanagan headed the committee which sponsored the lasting memorial to this city's war dead. It was first planned in 1944 at the instance of Walter E. Haskell, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Placed in Grevillea Park facing Manchester Boulevard, the memorial shaft is topped with an eagle also sculptured from marble. Engraved on stones flanking two sides of the shaft are the names of all Inglewood, Lennox and other neighboring areas served by the local draft boards World War II dead. Included with the names of those who were drafted or enlisted locally are also a number who were born or educated here but who had moved away before the outbreak of war. Those whose names are engraved represent the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Forces and Coast Guard.

Inscription on the memorial reads: "To keep forever living the freedom for which they died we dedicate this memorial to our Dead in World War II."

Names appearing on the memorial include those of Frank C. Aiello, Donald S. Anderson, Herbert K. Andrews, Richard J. Appleton, Richard P. Atkinson, Robert C. Ayrest, Herbert E. Baker, Arthur A. Banta, J. D. Barney, George M. Barr, Harold Becker, David R. Bodkin, Irving G. Booth, Ralph Bowers, Elvin Byers, Max L. Cain, E. Jack Caldwell, John Caldwell, Leslie E. Cannon, Don N. Cato, Harold J. Clark, John L. Clark, Thomas M. Clifford, Buck Clin-

ton, David Clitherd, Arthur H. Colley, Cameron L. Collier, Phillip Cory, George Thom Crane, C. W. Crockett, Halden Crunelle.

## OTHERS LISTED

William L. Darsey, Samuel Davis, Jake DeJong, Jr., Donald A. Densmore, Victor E. Denti, Jack L. Dodge, Maurice E. Downey, Foy Draper, Leo Dunham, William W. Edgar, Wynn W. Eldredge, Joseph E. Ficklin, Bob Foster, Robert Foster, John A. Franke, Jr., Charles S. Frey, Clarence T. Frey, Frank Fufta, Harvey C. Gallagher, Charles E. Gallant, Lester Galloway, Mallan Goddard, Dick Gould, Louis S. Green, Joseph T. Greenfield, Kenneth Grout, Wendell T. Hankins, Donald G. Hardin, Raymond G. Harvey, Joe A. Hawkins, Robert W. Hedge, Jack E. Hendrickson, John M. Henry, Virgil L. Herbst, Lloyd L. Holthus, Charles D. Hornby, Kenneth D. House.

Richard F. Irigoyen, Theodore Johnston, James C. Jones, Malvin M. Jones, Lloyd A. Knerr, Douglas M. Knowles, Donald C. Kruhm, Arthur W. Kuhlman, George M. Lake, Harry R. Lamb, Carl P. Larson, Eugene A. L. Lewis, Harry M. Lewis, Richard Lewis, Robert E. Lewis, William E. Lewis, Reginald L. Longdin, Walter Lyle Lord, William A. Lowrance, Harold E. Lotze.

## STILL OTHERS HONORED

Donald William Markley, Albert L. Marsh, Albert G. Mertens, Paul E. Miller, Robert Mitwalsky, Elmer L. Murray, Jr., William Raymond McGinnis, Owen J. McNamara, Wayne I. McVay, Thomas O. Nichols, Mark E. O'Brien, Dale Olsen, Joseph Palmquist, Raymond Pennington, Nyal E. Pennock, Venard Perkins, William P. Peterson, Walter H. Pfortmiller, Danny Picklesimer, Arthur H. Polley, Elwood L. Randall, George W. Rhine, Gaylord F. Ripczinski, Leo A. Ruggles, Jr., Mike J. Russell, Leonard T. Ryerson, Richard W. Schrader, Frederick E. Schreiber, Charles H. Schroeder, Jr., Herbert C. Schute, Bud A. Smilanich, Albert Smith, Jay D. Smith, Keith E. Smith, Richie Smith, Sebastian C. Smith, Harry H. Snyder, Jerry L. Spicer, Harold H. Strom, Harry Taylor, Thomas L. Terkins, Angelo G. Terrano, Walter E. Thomas, Jr., Floyd G. Thompson, Jr., Carl S. Uhlyk, Richard Vogt, Joseph F. Wadkins, Daniel L. Wallis, Bruce H. Weigel, John W. Weichman, Harry Wesch, Howard Wheeler, Merwin Wheeler, Rudyard K. Wickliffe, Walter M. Wilson, Forrest L. Wimsett, Norman L. Winte, Charles E. Young, Jr., and Louis F. Zimmerman.

## JAYCEE IDEA

Initial move for a memorial to those who made the final sacrifice in the Second World War had its inception in 1944 during the administration of

Walter E. Haskell as president of the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce, which lost one member, Lloyd L. Holtus, in the conflict.

The Jaycee original idea was for a living memorial, in the form of a fountain or other utilitarian project. The matter was taken before the City Council and Mayor Dixon appointed a committee with Haskell as chairman. It was hoped to tie this in with a bond issue for a series of Civic Center structures, but this failed to carry. Hence the living memorial plan fell by the wayside, to be eventually replaced by the present impressive memorial of marble.

### **De Molay Chartered**

Inglewood Chapter of De Molay was chartered in November of 1938 at the Masonic Temple. If issued a few weeks earlier, the first master councillor would have been Dwight Morrow, Jr., but he had reached maturity, hence was not eligible. So charter master councillor was Clyde B. Brown, now the recently appointed "Chapter dad." The order was sponsored by the local Order of Sciots.

Present master councillor is Kenneth Bibee and advisory council includes Harold I. Glasoe, S. C. DeLong, U. J. Edwards, G. T. Bailey and Brown. Two past master councillors, Arthur D. Crawford and Hugh Muller, have been awarded the most coveted honor of the order, the Chevalier degree.

## **Chapter IX**

### **INGLEWOOD TODAY**

#### **Postwar Period One of Progress**

Any suspicion that the rapid industrial expansion in war years would collapse in the peace which followed has been completely dispelled as Inglewood retained her payrolls.

Household items, with furniture, wood, metal and glass products, plastics, ceramics and building materials prominent in the list, account for roughly half of the manufacturing done here now, underlying the permanence of the peacetime production. Articles manufactured here range from furniture, through art pottery, fishing rods, mirrors, fire hose, millinery, prefabricated homes, phonograph records, plumbing fixtures, diathermy equipment, dresses and blouses to precision tools and aircraft accessories.

#### **Unusual Industries**

Unusual industries to be found in Inglewood include silk worm culture and silk production by Jake Essayan, only commercial producer in the state; metal spinning, yarn dyeing and orchid growing for domestic and foreign trade.

Highlighting these unusual industries is chinchilla raising which was pioneered in North America in 1923 when M. F. Chapman founded his farm here with 11 animals. There now are some 50,000 of their descendants on this continent and Inglewood remains the world center of the industry. Chinchilla coats range in price from \$40,000 to \$100,000 and the little animals from whose pelts they are made live in electrically-heated, burglar-proof homes.

#### **CHINCHILLA RANCHES**

The Chapman farm where Reginald K. Chapman carries on the activities of his late father is valued in excess of \$1,000,000. The farm is open without charge to visitors daily, including Sundays and holidays, and has equipment for 2,400 chinchillas. Approximately 100 pair of the animals are sold annually

by the farm for breeding purposes, the standard price being \$1,200 per pair with certain warranties, Chapman has his home and another large chinchilla ranch near Big Bear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Miller established a farm for 450 animals at 3926 West Century Boulevard in 1940 where chinchillas are bred for sale and also boarded.

#### TWO FARMS IN ONE YEAR

The following year saw the establishment of two chinchilla farms here, the England Chinchilla Breeder, 1220 Centinela Avenue, and the R-Y Chinchilla Ranch, 11017 Freeman Avenue. The latter, of which Mrs. Sophie Remmele and Herman Yeuch are owners, has equipment for 650 animals, while George C. England's ranch can handle 300 pairs. He sells animals for breeding purposes, while the R-Y Ranch both breeds and boards chinchillas.

A breeding ranch for 88 pairs of chinchillas, owned by Earl M. Hagaman, 4100 West 101st Street, was established in 1942. It was destroyed by fire June 29, 1949, with a loss of approximately 150 chinchillas valued at \$90,000.

The story of the elder Chapman's bringing of chinchillas from the High Andes by gradually accustoming them to lower and lower altitudes, then a voyage north during which many of the precious animals succumbed to the heat of the tropics, is a saga of courage and perseverance.

### **"Harbor of the Air"**

Inglewood, which with its incorporation in 1908, adopted a slogan, fashioned by the Rev. Thomas L. Stevenson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, "Where tall trees grow, and ocean breezes blow"—today is known as the "Harbor of the Air."

This change has come about because Judge Frank D. Parent and his committee from the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce had the foresight to persuade Southern Californians that 640 acres lying on the southwest fringe of this city were the best possible location for an airport.

#### "MINES FIELD" THEN

Mines Field Airport and Inglewood came into prominence in the aviation world in 1927 and that same year the former was leased by Los Angeles as a municipal airport. National prominence followed in 1928 when the National Air Races were staged here with such aces as Charles A. Lindbergh stunting over the field. The following year, the Graf Zeppelin was moored here. In casting off, some mooring lines became fouled and the huge ship narrowly escaped being wrecked. Again in 1933, the National Air Races returned to Mines Field.

Greatest impetus was given the airport nearly a decade later, when it was purchased by the City of Los Angeles which had found its former leasing arrangement both subject to political attack and outside of federal aid.

A jubilation banquet was held at Potrero Country Club in October, 1937, when improvements were ratified by the municipal and federal governments. The Inglewood Chamber of Commerce was host to the dinner where visiting officials from Los Angeles, the County, the United States Department of Commerce and the aviation industry were told of the developments planned.

#### PRINCIPAL TERMINUS

In December, 1946, the Los Angeles Airport, as Mines Field was renamed, became the principal air terminal for Los Angeles, the air lines until that time having been operating from Burbank, while the local port had been used mainly for miscellaneous and military activities.

Even in its unfinished state, the Los Angeles Airport in 1947 ranked fourth in air carrier operations in the United States.

Today, it is accommodating 1,250,000 air travelers annually, approximately 18,000,000 pounds of air mail and 8,000,000 pounds of air freight. It is landlord to about 3,500 employees located on the airport, with an annual payroll of approximately \$10,000,000, not including the employees of two aircraft factories situated on the airport and in several plants immediately adjacent, totaling something like 23,000.

Los Angeles Airport not only pays its maintenance and operations cost out of revenues but, according to available records, it was the only one of the ranking five municipally owned and operated air terminals (including New York and Chicago) in the United States during the fiscal year 1947 that was able to do so.

It is being expanded to 2,500 acres.

#### COSMOPOLITAN FLAVOR

Indicative of the international flavor of the airport which now is the coastal terminus of transoceanic air lines is the fact that flight announcements are made in three languages— English, Spanish and French.

For example, the American Airlines announces departure of "The Mayan" to Mexico City daily with:

"American Airlines Flight 90, the Mayan, for El Paso and Mexico City now boarding at American concourse, gate No. 12. All aboard, Flight 90, please."

"American Airlines anuncia la salida inmediata de su avion numero

noventa rumbo a El Paso y Mexico City la estacionamiento American puerto numero doce a bordo, por favor."

"American Airlines annonce le depart de leur del numero quatre vingt dix, pour El Paso et Mexico City, embarquement a American depart porte numero douze tout le monde a bord, s'il vous plait."

## **Simmons Park**

Simmons Park, with an area of approximately two acres, a recreation spot for which City Councilman Everett Lee Simmons worked during his administration, was formally named in his honor by City Council ordinance in the spring of 1949.

Simmons Park, well equipped with playground installations, is located along Freeman Avenue between Spruce and Magnolia Streets.

## **Business Districts**

Inglewood's greatest development having been in recent years, it is only natural that her business houses are not only new and modern but also that the districts conform to the more advanced idea of being multiple rather than a single congested central area. Inglewood's central area is augmented by excellent neighborhood shopping districts in the North Inglewood, West Boulevard, Morningside Park, South La Brea Avenue and Arbor Vitae Street sections.

A recent survey lists 1,607 businesses and professions within the city: 83 food markets and bakeries, 80 department and clothing stores, 32 home appliance dealers, 35 dry cleaners, 14 new car agencies, 14 art and gift shops, 67 barber and beauty shops, 55 confectionaries, 17 drug stores, 28 furniture stores, 23 florists and nurseries, 15 hardware dealers, 32 jewelers, 73 restaurants, 79 service stations—to designate only a few of the classifications.

## **Bank of America**

The Inglewood Branch of the Bank of America observed open house at the new location, the southwest corner of Manchester Boulevard and Locust Street, Saturday afternoon, December 18, 1948, with Roland E. Robbins, manager since May 15, 1937, and his staff of approximately 65, as the hosts. The handsome new structure, including site, adjoining parking lot, building and equipment, represents an investment of in excess of \$450,000.

The bank had its inception as the Bank of Inglewood in the building erected for it at the northeast corner of Market and Queen Streets in 1926. The bank was acquired by the Bank of America in December of 1936.

Moving from the old to the new structure was accomplished over the weekend following the open house, with every member of the staff working like beavers, so it was ready to open its doors for business the following Monday at the usual banking hour.

### **Morningside Ornamental Lighting**

Ornamental lighting system in the Morningside Park business district was turned on the evening of Thursday, June 9. The ornamental metal lighting standards were installed by the Southern California Edison Company at no initial cost to the abutting property owners. They, however, will pay 75 cents per month per pole for the installations in front of their respective places of business, the company estimating that its outlay will be returned in about five years.

Mayor E. S. Dixon, E. P. Minner and Hal Wight had a part in the brief ceremony preceding the turning on of the current.

### **Transportation**

Inglewood is ideally situated from a transportation standpoint.

State Highway 10 (Manchester Boulevard) bisects the city east and west, running from the ocean at Playa del Rey to Orange County cities. U.S. Highway 101 at the west edge of Inglewood carries traffic from San Diego to San Francisco while by-passing congested areas. La Brea Avenue runs from Hollywood, traverses Inglewood in a general north-and-south direction, and connects with U.S. Highway 101 near Palos Verde Hills.

Major national and international airlines have land and over-water terminals at the city's southwest edge, at Los Angeles Airport, for passenger, cargo, and charter plane service.

The district is served by Pacific Electric and Santa Fe freight lines, by busses of Inglewood City Lines, Los Angeles Transit Lines, and Sunset Stages. Six taxicab companies augment transportation, and through the heart of the business districts of Inglewood and downtown Los Angeles from Hawthorne to Eagle Rock City, run the Route 5 street cars of Los Angeles Transit Lines.

## Statistically Speaking

Figures often tell a story better than a whole collection of facts, so here we bring you Inglewood today as seen from the vantage of pertinent statistics.

### POPULATION

The official Federal census next year is expected to confirm conservative estimates that Inglewood's population now is more than 50,000. The special Federal census of 1947 showed 42,964, an increase of 5,052 over the special 1944 count. Regular federal census counts have shown Inglewood's population as being:

Year	Population
1910 .....	1,536
1920 .....	3,286
1930 .....	19,480
1940 .....	30,114

### PUBLIC UTILITIES SERVICES

**WATER** — The City Water Department, of which D. H. Griffith and William Renshaw are superintendent and engineer, respectively, reports 12,500 services at the present time.

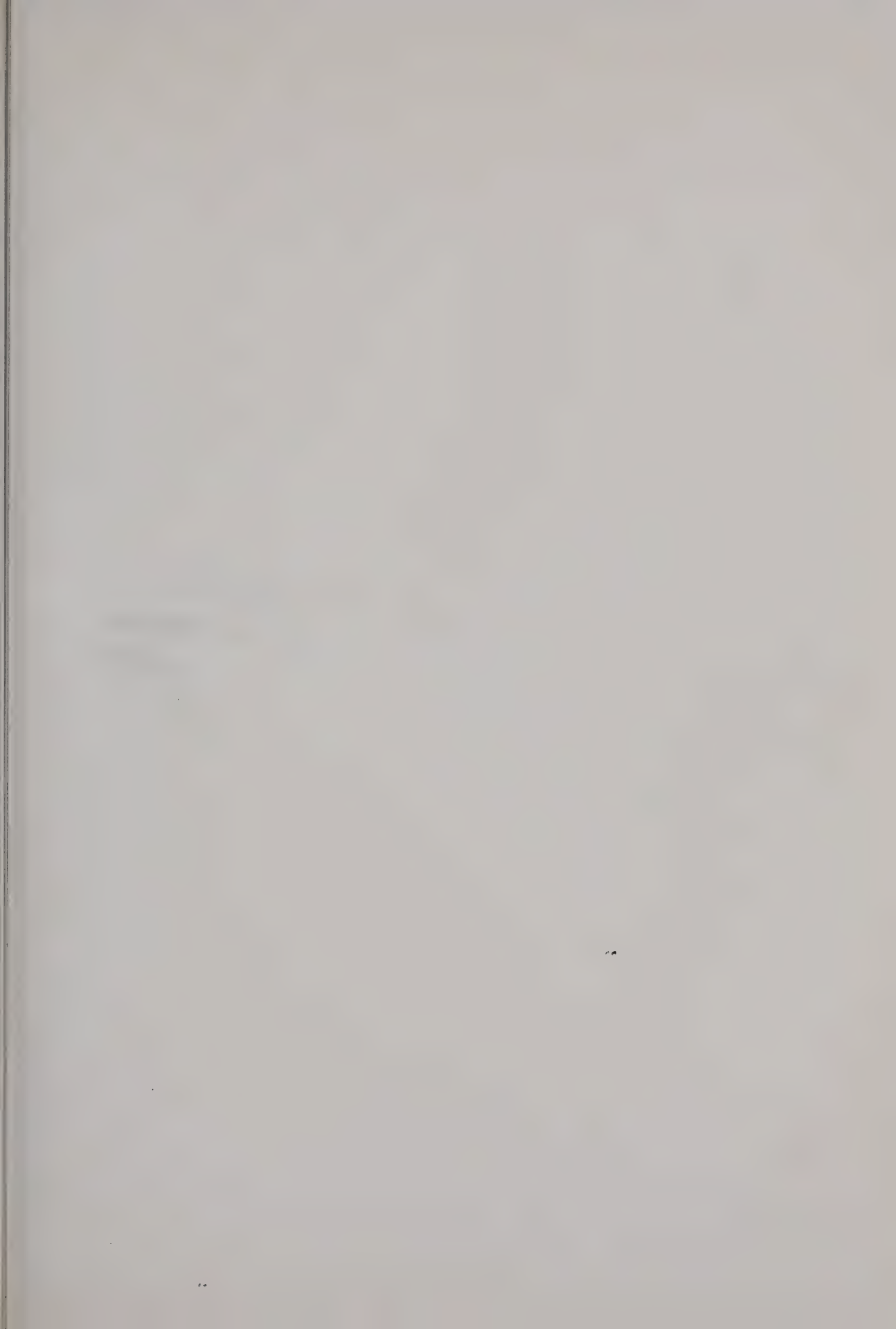
**ELECTRICITY** — Harry Welsh, manager of the Inglewood District office of the Southern California Edison Company, Ltd., 206 East Queen Street, reports 44,000 meters as of the spring of 1949. Of these, 16,946 residential and commercial meters are within the Inglewood city limits.

**GAS** — The Southern California Gas Company, 158 South La Brea Avenue, reports a total of 42,600 meters, of which 15,532 are in Inglewood proper, according to William G. H. Russell, district manager.

### ASSESSED VALUATION

The total net assessed valuation on all property except public utilities for the 1947-48 tax year was \$31,446,690. For purposes of comparison, Inglewood's assessed valuation was:

Year	Valuation
1920 .....	\$ 2,229,620
1940 .....	16,518,795
1947 .....	25,329,775
1948 .....	45,658,710
1949 .....	49,075,640





"UNUSUAL" WEATHER IN INGLEWOOD Snowfall of Jan. 15, 1932. Taken in front of Inglewood High School Fine Arts Building. At right, Pioneer J. Warren Lane snapping a picture of high school students and snow man.

(From La Tijera Chapter, N.D.G.W. Collection)

## BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits recently have been showing a sharp decline, probably because most emergency construction is now completed, while the usual new construction is waiting more favorable prices. Up to May 1, 1949, total building permits were only \$1,401,892, while the same four months in 1948 totaled \$3,290,087.

Building totals for the period 1942-47, furnished by Garfield J. Leftwich, city building superintendent, also show fluctuation. They were:

Year	Total
1942 .....	\$1,865,628
1943 .....	866,229
1944 .....	767,150
1945 .....	4,808,931
1946 .....	9,589,984
1947 .....	7,603,912

Here is the 1948 building permits picture in detail:

	Units	Totals
Residences .....	236	\$2,268,600
Multiple residences (87) .....	357	1,780,614
Residential additions .....	463	491,799
Business buildings .....	112	1,804,828
Business additions .....	104	783,365
Signs .....	172	59,187
Schools .....	4	716,578
Churches .....	1	75,000
	<hr/> 1,179	<hr/> \$7,979,971

## Weather Statistics

Inglewood lies 150 to 245 feet above sea level and has a normal rainfall of 13.38 inches.

Statistics compiled by the Inglewood Fire Department weather service official cooperative station 116B for the Los Angeles County Flood Control, C. A. Beck, observer, show the following comparative figures:

## TEMPERATURES

		(Fahrenheit)		
	1944-45	1946-47	1947-48	
Mean Maximum .....	70.62 degrees	68.7 degrees	71.1 degrees	
Mean Minimum .....	43.38 degrees	49.6 degrees	54.9 degrees	
Mean .....	59.50 degrees	59.1 degrees	63.0 degrees	
Maximum .....	86.75 degrees	93.0 degrees	83.0 degrees	
Minimum .....	31.91 degrees	33.0 degrees	51.0 degrees	
Range .....		19.1 degrees	16.4 degrees	

## HUMIDITY

Mean Maximum .....	39.35 per cent	82.5 per cent	90.2 per cent
Mean Minimum .....	57.68 per cent	53.3 per cent	64.7 per cent
Mean .....	73.50 per cent	67.9 per cent	77.4 per cent
Range .....		29.2 per cent	25.5 per cent

## The Unusual Kind, Too

Inglewood twice in recorded history has looked out its collective windows to view that eastern and northern phenomenon—snow. The first was on January 15, 1932, and marked the initial time this city had been blanketed (but very lightly) in snow in the 54 years the County Weather Bureau had then been in operation. Practically all of the snowy covering had melted away before noon. The second was between night and morning of January 10-11, 1949.

## Hollywood Park Turf Club

*(Obviously, a book such as this covering more than a century of history and progress in a city, requires many weeks in preparation. That section dealing with Hollywood Park already had been completed when, Thursday night, May 5, 1949, fire of undetermined origin razed the grandstand to which only this year had been added a \$1,000,000 extension. Because a \$6,000,000 fire—even were the destroyed plant not rebuilt in the future—cannot erase from a city's record an institution which brought 1,000,000 visitors annually to Inglewood, we have chosen to let the material prepared in advance stand in its original form.*

*Accordingly, that material about the Turf Club which follows the account of the fire and latest developments as to rebuilding, immediately below, are to be accepted by the reader as conditions were before the night of May 5.—Eds.)*

## Unfair Start

Everything was in readiness for the eleventh annual spring racing meet of the Hollywood Park Turf Club, scheduled for May 17, 1949, even to the stabling of 600 thoroughbreds at the multi-million dollar Inglewood plant, when demon fire got off to an unauthorized start near midnight on May 5. Joseph Cohn, club night watchman, was making a routine check on the top deck of the grandstand when at 11:15 P. M. he investigated a glow of light coming from the board of directors' offices. When he opened the office door, flames shot out and engulfed the elevator shaft which was eight stories high.

When the Inglewood Fire Department responded to Cohn's alarm, flames already were racing so fast over the wooden roof that they sped faster than a pumper wagon running on the track. Fire Chief Bacil Roberts immediately called for help and five companies from Los Angeles city and county, El Segundo and Hermosa Beach raced here in response.

But the fight was futile. Linseed oil in the freshly painted wooden seats, the wooden roof and the air currents developed by the nature of the plant, conspired against any successful control of the conflagration.

### INCENDIARISM DISCOUNTED

Early suspicion of arson was discounted by Chief Roberts and Police Chief C. C. Cupp after thorough investigation.

The Inglewood Fire Department used more than one mile of hose in combatting this, the worst conflagration in the history of American racing. So much water—1,013,800 gallons—was used at the blaze that city mains reversed their flow and residents in some sections got dirty-looking water from their taps.

All of the track's valuable records were saved.

Strangely, it was the geese and swans tended each year by a pretty Inglewood girl and not the horses which were endangered by the fire. The thoroughbreds were haltered and kept ready to move to safety should the stables at any time be threatened. But the birds were on the scene and they huddled together at the edge of the pool, frightened by the roaring flames, the heat and the unusual activity of men.

A week later, the embers were still smoldering while the horses were being moved to Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, where the meet opened on schedule.

Jack F. Mackenzie, turf club general manager, stated that the plant was to be rebuilt in Inglewood. He estimated that rebuilding of the structure, at present prices, will cost \$12,000,000. The plant cost \$3,000,000 when it was opened. The \$1,600,000 clubhouse was added in 1947. The grandstand 360-foot addition cost \$1,100,000.

## **Fire-Fighters Recover**

Inglewood Fire Inspector Clifton E. Freeman, by far the most critically injured among the several local and neighboring firemen hospitalized from injuries suffered at Hallywood Park, was recovering and as this book goes to press is facing a long convalescence at his home, 3528 West 116th Street.

Flames which engulfed the horse racing plant in less than 20 minutes trapped Freeman in the north corner of the grandstand where he had sped in a vain attempt to reach an inside hose located in the stands.

Faced with certain death where he stood, Freeman jumped for a nearby palm tree. His clutch failed and he fell 60 feet to the pavement below. That was one time when a man might have wished that he were "out on a limb."

## **City Big Loser**

Most worried about the spectacular blaze, which drew 100,000 people to the race course grounds, were members of the city government who were faced immediately with the problem of patching a municipal budget with a \$125,000 hole burned in it.

Unusually heavy revenues were expected this year because of harness racing to follow the regular track season. The previous year the city's 5-cent tax on admissions netted nearly \$66,000. Two years previously harness racing added approximately \$20,000 to the total revenue.

In addition there will be a loss of \$100 a day from license fees and an unestimated loss from the 1/2-cent city sales tax on items sold at concessions.

Mayor E. S. Dixon pointed out that the fire will cause a large decrease in assessed valuations at the race track, but this won't be felt until the fiscal year of 1950-51.

Dixon pointed out that loss of revenue to the city as a result of the Holly-park blaze would amount to "nearly 10 per cent" of the original estimate of the 1949-50 budget. But, nevertheless, it was set at the record breaking figure of \$1,959,443.

## **Quick Action**

Frank Lowery, managing editor of the Inglewood Daily News, in his column, "Frankly Speaking," named Johnny Maluvius, racing secretary, as "the guy who deserves the praise" at the fire emergency.

"Living near the track," he continued, "John hurried over and before the power went off, mustered the entire stable area on the loud speaker system, had

halters put on every horse, the fire brigade formed and a bucket brigade ready. The net result was no trouble in the stable area and no loss of valuable horse-flesh despite a \$7,000,000 fire."

## **People's Choice**

In October of 1935, Inglewood charted a course which was destined to have a profound effect on its destiny and growth when it became the home of the Hollywood Turf Club, a \$5,000,000 horse racing institution which brings 1,000,000 people here annually to watch the great thoroughbreds of the turf run on one of the world's most beautiful tracks. The season begins in mid-May and lasts approximately 50 racing days. The gates opened June 10, 1938.

Inglewood citizens decided the issue of whether or not Southern California was to have its second great racing establishment. Application was made by the Turf Club to rezone certain sections of the city to permit the erection thereon of a horse racing plant. Approval was given by the City Planning Commission, and the assent of the City Council was sought.

The matter was submitted to the registered voters by postcard plebiscite, the first of its kind ever used by a municipality, it is believed. Every registered voter was asked to indicate whether he was in favor or opposed to the establishment of a horse racing plant in Inglewood. A series of indignation and, conversely, jubilation, meetings were held during the week the cards were in the mails, and the results were tabulated by heads of service organizations within the city. Four out of every five persons favored the establishment of the racing plant here, in a plebiscite in which more people took part than ever recorded their views on any public question before in the history of the city. There were 10,001 ballots cast.

## **SITE PURCHASED**

A 314-acre tract bounded by Prairie Avenue on the west, Century Boulevard on the south, Cypress (now Crenshaw Boulevard) on the east, and the Potrero Country Club (near Manchester Boulevard) on the north, was purchased from the Security-First National Bank by the Hollywood Turf Club, and ground was broken in August, 1936, for the plant. A long series of delays was occasioned by refusal of the California Horse Racing Commission to issue a permit, and bitter opposition was created to the Inglewood plant. Much of this was found to have been inspired by other horse racing interests who were enjoying a profitable monopoly in Southern California, while some of it came from the church and reform element of the Southland who were sincerely opposed to another race track.

In spite of this opposition, and beset by doubt as to whether there would ever be a horse race legally conducted in this city, the officers and directors of the Hollywood Turf Club flashed the "Go" signal, and at the end of 1937 the \$2,000,000 horse racing plant—one of the most modern, thorough and efficient plants in the world—was nearing completion in Inglewood.

The bitter controversy over dates had resulted in a change on the California Horse Racing Board when the terms of two members expired and they had not been reappointed, and the tacit understanding and approval that dates would now be forthcoming.

#### DISTINGUISHED LIST

The Turf Club Board of Directors was composed of many of the most influential leaders in the movie industry and in business in the Southland. These included Jack L. Warner of the Warner Brothers as chairman of the board of directors. Others from the movie colony on the board of directors included Alfred E. Green and Raoul Walsh, directors, and Al Jolson. Representatives of business were Walter G. McCarthy of the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, who was to become president of the Turf Club; George Young of Young's Market in Los Angeles; Earl D. Gilmore of the Gilmore Oil Company who was to become vice-president; James B. Duffy of the Santa Fe Railroad, J. I. Schnitzer of the Western Costume Company, Thomas W. Simmons of an independent oil company, C. W. Rood of Huntington Beach, and Roy Wilcox, horticulturist, of Montebello. Stockholders included the best known stars, actors, producers and directors in Hollywood, and the official family became a blue book edition of "Who's Who in the Southland."

### Seabiscuit Scores

The first running of the famed Hollywood Gold Cup, one of the world's most important races, saw the California favorite, Seabiscuit, come from far back to run down the opposition in the stretch and win by more than a length.

The Hollywood Turf Club's outstanding racing programs have attracted famed horses from the four corners of the globe. During its inaugural meeting the handicap star, Ligaroti, from the Argentine, won the Inglewood Handicap.

In 1939 another horse from the Argentine gained fame at Hollywood Park. He was Kayak II, owned by Charles S. Howard, and he won the American Handicap and Hollywood Gold Cup and became one of the top equines in the nation that year.



## Hollywood Park to Rise in New Beauty



**SPACIOUS AND BEAUTIFUL** — Hollywood Park's new Grandstand-Clubhouse-Turf Club building, plans for which have just been announced by Hollywood Turf Club officials, will have an over-all length of nearly a quarter-mile, will have more seats under shelter than any race track in America, will be built entirely of incombustible materials and will combine every modern feature of race track construction. Contracts

for the rebuilding of the luxurious plant, much of which was destroyed by fire last May 5, call for it to be completed in time for the opening of Hollywood Park's eleventh season of Thoroughbred racing next June in Inglewood. The Hollywood Turf Club will have split racing dates in 1950—20 days from June 27 to July 22, and 30 days, including 5 for charity, from November 7 to December 16.

## EASTERN HORSES WIN

In its third season, 1940, eastern horses staged one of their most successful campaigns on the west coast. Challedon won the Gold Cup and Big Flash, also shipped from the east, won the Hollywood Derby. In 1941 another Easterner, Big Pebble, was the Gold Cup winner, but the westerners, Painted Veil, Mioland and King Torch, won most of the other stakes races.

Hollywood Park went to war in the use of its facilities in 1942, '43 and the early part of 1944 but it opened for a brief War Charities meeting on November 1, 1944.

Racing fans at Hollywood Park in 1945 saw the "Queen of the American Turf," Busher, perform at the Inglewood oval and win national "Horse of the Year" honors.

## PHOTO FINISH

In 1946 the value of the Hollywood Gold Cup was increased to \$100,000 added, ranking it as one of the richest races in the world. Fred Astaire's TriPLICATE was the winner in a thrilling finish which saw three noses on the wire. Honeymoon was second and Historian was third. Historian had made turf history a few days earlier when he became the first handicap star to be flown across the country for a specific stakes engagement.

In 1947 Cover Up became the first horse to account for victories in both the Gold Cup and Sunset Handicap in one season.

That same season Honeymoon and Buzfuz set a new world's record of 1:21 4/5 for seven furlongs.

Last year Shannon II, champ of Australia, won both the Gold Cup and the Argonaut Handicaps.

## BEAUTIFUL SETTING

Hollywood Park is known throughout the racing world for the beauty of its setting as well as for the high quality of its racing.

High spot of the colorful track is the infield which is covered by six lakes, a watercourse and several acres of shrubs and lawn. Each year patrons are greeted by millions of blooms in the infield and in the grandstand and clubhouse gardens.

In purse distribution and friendly treatment of horsemen and patrons the Inglewood track is one of the top of the nation. It is also one of the outstanding tourist attractions of Southern California and annually is visited by thousands of visitors from out of state. In its past nine seasons nearly 9,000,000 persons have attended the Hollywood Park races. The total attendance for the 50-day meeting of 1948 was 1,394,525, for a daily average attendance of 27,891.

## **Goose Girls**

Annually since 1938, each racing season has been given a touch of glamour by election of one of Inglewood's prettiest lassies to serve as Goose Girl at Hollywood Park. Frocked in Dutch costume, she tends the geese and swans in the lake.

LaVon Dixon, elected after the 1949 fire, is reigning at Santa Anita Park where the current season is being held as this book is written. Her predecessors have been Jean Snow (1938), Frances Gladwin (1939), Vivian Pederson (1940), Marjo Shirreffs and Minerva Chancellor (1941), Doris Peterson (1944), Veda Hill (1945), Dixie Duane (1946), Ginger Marsh (1947), and Jeanne Ayrest (1948).

## **Southwest Savings and Loan Association**

Joining the other Inglewood financial institutions in 1946 was the Southwest Savings and Loan Association which was organized by Fred E. Edwards, president and acting head; and Kenneth Decker, secretary and treasurer. On its board of directors are several important citizens of Inglewood and Los Angeles.

Experiencing phenomenal growth, its savings and investment accounts have grown to \$3,500,000, while its capital surplus and undivided profits total \$150,000.

This is the only savings and loan association in the Morningside Park area.

## **Citizens Trust and Savings Bank**

The Citizens Trust and Savings Bank was established in its new building in Morningside Park and opened to the public November 25, 1945. Hal A. Wight came from the West Adams-Cloverdale branch to take over. Already the bank has had to add another 50-foot parking lot, at a cost of \$17,500, to accommodate the cars of patrons.

## **Taxes Collected**

Since its inception on October 5, 1945, a total of \$2,340,594 has been collected in delinquent taxes at the Inglewood Division Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, W. T. Strouse, local division chief, recently announced. This figure represents 22,894 delinquent cases.

## **Military Manpower Committee**

Civic officials and community leaders have united to form the Inglewood Military Manpower Committee to increase and correlate civilian support in the enlistment program of the United States armed forces.

The move was announced in April, 1949, by Sgt. First Class Charles H. Hudson, Jr., commander of the U. S. Army Recruiting Service in Inglewood.

"The Inglewood committee," Hudson said, "will serve to inform the public thoroughly on the role and responsibilities of the peacetime army and air force and to assist in informing the citizens of the urgency of the recruitment program."

Chairman of the newly created committee is George F. Lepper, who announced that the group plans to meet regularly the third Thursday of each month in the local recruiting office at 312 South Market Street at 3:30 p.m.

Aiding Lepper, local officials and leaders include Mayor E. S. Dixon, Dr. John Gray Ross, pastor of the First Methodist Church; Dr. H. Fred Heisner, Centinela Valley Union High School District superintendent; Dick Wilson, merchant; Jack R. Williams, representing the Inglewood Kiwanis Club; Al Greenleaf, American Legion representative; Carl F. Blaker, editor of the Inglewood Citizen, and Conrad Jongewaard, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Blaker and Jongewaard are acting in an advisory capacity to the committee.

## **New Chapel**

A small chapel for funeral services was dedicated early in June in Inglewood Park Cemetery. With a seating capacity of about 50 persons, the lovely Chapel of the Chimes houses the world-famed Deagon Cathedral Trinity Chimes.

The new chapel is of modified Spanish architecture, designed by Walter E. Erkes, and cost a quarter-million dollars for construction. A mural depicting a garden scene, painted by J. Noel Tucker, decorates the inside walls.

On both sides of the interior are tropical garden alcoves, sunk directly into the ground. The alcoves are lined in copper, and feature rare varieties of caladium with white, green and pink foliage, as well as philodendrons and fuchsia.

### **LOCATION**

The Chapel of the Chimes is located next door to the Mausoleum of the Golden West. It supplements the larger Grace Chapel, which seats close to 300 persons.

The Rev. Louis Evans of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood presided at the dedication rites. Supervisor Raymond V. Darby also participated.

## Inglewood Telephones

What Inglewood is today is perhaps most strikingly shown in the growth and development of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company telephone exchange building here. Since 1929 the two-story building and basement with approximately 10,200 square feet of floor space serving some 2,611 subscribers with manually operated telephones has grown to the present three stores and basement Class A structure at 301 South La Brea Avenue.

The present structure represents an investment of \$550,000 in land and building, has 51,604 square feet of floor space, is air conditioned, and served, as of January 1, 1949, 23,909 subscribers with dial-operated telephones. As of the date mentioned, the total investment, including the costly equipment, through which one may tell the world through its local and long distance lines, was approximately \$8,500,000, according to E. D. Cutler, Inglewood District manager. There were 365 employees (one for each day of the year?) in the exchange area which serves approximately 18½ square miles.

The 1949 daily originating calls were estimated at 157,000 handled by the automatic switching equipment, the long distance switchboards and the "O" operators.

### TELEPHONE GROWTH

The Inglewood exchange was first established in April, 1905, and the number of telephones installed from January 1, 1908 to January 1, 1949, is as follows:

Jan. 1, 1908.....	56	Jan. 1, 1944.....	10,962
Jan. 1, 1918.....	388	Jan. 1, 1945.....	11,626
Jan. 1, 1929.....	2,611	Jan. 1, 1946.....	12,029
Jan. 1 1938.....	3,931	Jan. 1, 1947.....	14,565
Jan. 1, 1942.....	6,823	Jan. 1, 1948.....	19,166
Jan. 1, 1943.....	8,745	Jan. 1, 1949.....	23,909

## Veterans' Housing

Inglewood's Emergency Veterans' Housing of some 72 units on city-owned property on North La Brea Avenue has proven one of the most satisfactory in all of Southern California in that it has in an unexpectedly short space of time

been able to repay out of income the sum of \$12,000 advanced by the State for preparation of the site. This included grading and the construction of streets, sewers and other details before the property was ready for occupancy on Christmas Eve of 1946.

The units were constructed from surplus army barracks brought here at Government expense. They were filled, on the basis of need, by Second World War veterans. Spargur H. Frowein, World War I veteran and a past commander of Post 188, American Legion, is manager for the Veterans Service Center, a non-profit corporation, organized, at the instance of the City government, to administer the housing project.

Elton D. Boone, Sr., has been president of the center since its incorporation, and to his experience as a banker and Frowein's ability is largely attributed its success. Postmaster Thomas E. Trulove is vice-president. John Madigan was secretary until his retirement, this post being taken over recently by Mrs. Eleanor Wagnild.

The Veterans Service Center conducted an information bureau for veterans for many years in the County Building on West Queen Street but since this has been taken over for court use the center has moved to 331 East Kelso Street in the Southwest Welfare Center Building.

The late Dave Bulloch, Municipal Court Marshal Joe Bookman and the late Leonard Harvey were active members of the Veterans Service Center Committee, their memberships being unknown to the general public to avoid undue pressure from housing-hungry veterans.

## **Cancer and Dental Clinics**

The Inglewood Cancer Clinic and the Dr. William A. Thornburgh Dental Clinic both are administered by the Southwest Community Health Clinic Association, a non-profit corporation. Mrs. Letha Dunn was the first president, William A. Smith first vice-president, Dr. F. M. Gillard, second vice-president and chairman of the advisory board, Gladys Greenleaf, corresponding secretary, Dorothy Venables, executive secretary, and Ynez Ward, treasurer.

The association was incorporated June 10, 1948, and hence at this writing had just completed its first year.

The two clinics, however, established at 325½ East Kelso Street, were not in operation until about October 1 last. Objective of the Cancer Clinic is to emphasize the vital importance of early discovery of symptoms in order to obviate fatal results. From its inception up to June 1 of 1949 some 300 persons had been examined, two examinations being made for \$5.

The Dental Clinic, although operated only four hours a day three days a week, reported work done on 348 children since its inception up to June 1. The work included both fillings and extractions. A registration fee of only 50 cents is made and the work is done at a cost in keeping with the parents' circumstances.

Mrs. Rose Tiberio, chairman under Dr. Gillard of the Advisory Board, was given credit by Mrs. Dunn as being the one most responsible for the success of the Dental Clinic. She was one of four given the American Legion Civic Award in 1948, her award being for her work for the clinic.

### **Old Financial Institution**

Silver anniversary dinner of the Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association held November 30, 1948, signaling twenty-five years of growth and accomplishment for this truly pioneer local financial institution, dating back to the year 1923. Characterized by the then chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, Raymond V. Darby, as a family party, every officer, director and staff member, from its honored founder, Sanford M. Anderson, president-manager since the inception of this institution, to the most recently employed clerk, was at the board, with Judge Frank D. Parent, one of the original board members, as the able master of ceremonies.

## **Chapter X**

### **CITY GOVERNMENT**

#### **Charter Proves Worth Through Years**

The councilmanic form of government under which the city was incorporated in 1908 seemed to work well, but became subject to serious attack in 1926, when residents of the Fairview Heights district repeatedly complained that they were unable to get any representation on the city governing body. Councilmen were then elected at large, and there were no wards or election districts. Those acquainted with events in the period from 1908 to 1926 contend that Fairview Heights was unable to back any candidate but instead divided its strength with the result that men who lived south of the tracks were usually returned to office. Threats were made of annexation and withdrawal, and finally a delegation of residents from that district appeared before the council and demanded relief.

The result was the formation and election of a board of Chosen Freeholders, for the purpose of drafting a city charter to meet changing conditions. This board was composed of Arthur W. Cory, Sanford M. Anderson, O. P. Allen, Dr. E. O. Campbell, Minnie M. Baum, C. C. Griffin, George C. England, Sam M. Greene, Clarissa P. Mosher, Harry Spaulding, John G. Baum, Thomas G. Stevens, George M. Green, Frank A. Zillgitt, and Judge Frank D. Parent. Dr. Campbell was named chairman, and Mrs. Mosher was appointed secretary.

City Attorney Clyde Woodworth was instructed to provide legal advice and counsel. The board was formed into committees to take care of respective details of providing a charter for the city. There followed many meetings and conferences, and out of these was formed the present Inglewood city charter. It was the work of most of the men and women on the committee, who devoted many hours to its preparation.

#### **CHARTER APPROVED**

The charter was approved, adopted, and became operative on January 27, 1927, when the State Legislature acted officially in the matter. It met the objections of the Fairview Heights section by districting the city and providing

election wards and districts. What had formerly been the board of trustees became the city council, and the office of president of the board of trustees lost its identity to make way for the more modern title of Mayor. Hugh B. Lawrence was the first to acquire this title. Charles M. Miller was the last "courtesy" mayor.

Under the city charter, the population of Inglewood has increased more than ten-fold and no serious shortcomings have developed in the document—a fact reflecting credit on the wisdom and good judgment of the board of freeholders, and the dean of municipal attorneys on the Pacific Coast, Clyde C. Woodworth.

Today, city councilmen, elected from four districts, receive a salary of \$50 per month. The mayor, elected by popular vote, draws the same salary and he, like the councilmen, is elected for a term of four years.

Mayor E. S. (Dick) Dixon is to serve until April of 1951. The terms of Councilmen Everett L. Simmons and Eugene B. Marzolf also will expire on that date. Elected to the Council in 1949 to serve until April of 1951 were George C. England and Fred Jones. Other city officers are Leonard C. Fox, clerk, and Eula A. Spaulding, treasurer. Mrs. Spaulding is the widow of Harry Spaulding whom she succeeded upon his death.

#### COMMISSIONERS NAMED

Members of the Parking Commission are Leonard Matson, chairman; Dan B. Wise, vice-chairman; Jack Pope, Hal A. Wight, George C. England, Harry Berry, secretary, and L. Melvin Zillgitt.

Charles L. Blek is chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission. Serving with him are Frank Held, vice-chairman; Anthony Siminski, secretary; Vernon P. Spencer, Ivan Crockett, A. E. Rogers and Jack Beaman.

Murray O. Nixon is president of the Planning Commission which also includes Emerson W. Dawson, secretary; George Leveille, Carl P. Sheddan and Stanley Tryce.

Property owned by the city was valued in 1948 at \$296,648.08 for land and buildings and at \$1,113,530.03 for furnishings and equipment. Excluded from this valuation was the value of street paving. Included were the city hall, the police and fire departments, the libraries, parks and recreation, street department, water supply system, and the Veterans Memorial Hall.

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS NOTED

Walter E. Kennedy is city engineer and street superintendent. Included in his department also is the sewage system. Garfield C. Leftwich is building superintendent. The water department is headed by D. Harry Griffith, superintendent, and William Renshaw, engineer. Kennedy succeeded on March 4, 1943,

to the post made vacant by the untimely death of Arthur W. Cory. The latter succumbed a few months after the unexpected death of his wife. A son, Phillip, was killed during the war. Now only a married daughter survives.

There have been three amendments to the city charter, the first increasing the jurisdiction of the Police Court, the second setting up a civil service for municipal employees, and the third providing membership in the State Employees Retirement System.

## **Police Court**

Police Judge was Lester O. Luce with offices in the city hall until the change in effect June 1 of 1949 abolishing that court and establishing a municipal court here. Charter Amendment One, adopted at a special municipal election, November 8, 1932, changed Section Four, dealing with the Judicial Department to read:

"Section 4: The said Police Court shall have jurisdiction concurrently with the Justice's Court in the Township in which said City of Inglewood is situate, of all civil and criminal actions and/or proceedings arising within the corporate limits of the City of Inglewood, and which might be tried in said Justice's Court.

"The said Police Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction:

First: Of all proceedings for the violation of any Ordinance of the city, both civil and criminal.

"Second: Of any action for the collection of any taxes or assessments levied for any city purposes when the amount of the tax or assessment sought to be collected against the person assessed is less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), but no lien upon the property taxed or assessed for the non-payment of the taxes or assessments can be foreclosed in such action.

"Third: Of any action for the collection of money payable to the City or from the City to any person, when the amount sought to be collected, exclusive of interest and costs, is less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

"Fourth: For the breach of any official bond given by any city officer, and for the breach of any contract, and any action for damages in which the City is a party, and upon all forfeited recognizances given to or for the benefit or in behalf of the City, and upon all bonds given upon any appeal taken from the judgment of the court in any of the cases above named, where the amount claimed, exclusive of costs, is less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

"Fifth: For the recovery of personal property belonging to the City when the value of the property, exclusive of the damages for the taking or detention, is less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

## FIRST JUDGE

First "judge" to ever occupy the bench in what is now Inglewood was Daniel Ayers, and his title was recorder, not judge. When the city was incorporated in 1908, provision was made for a committing magistrate, and Daniel Ayers became the appointee. He tried his first case of record on July 13, 1908.

As an indication of the quality and sternness of justice handed down in those days, the following under the caption "Three Drunks" appeared in the "Inglewood Poultryman" of October 24, 1908:

"On last Monday night just as the city council adjourned, there were sounds of very boisterous and vile language coming from the direction of Market Street. Upon investigation City Marshal Brooks discerned three drunks, loaded down with booze, both inside and outside their hides.

"The marshal herded them into a car and took them up to the county jail, where they were kept prisoners all night. And on Tuesday morning he went up to Los Angeles and brought them back again. They plead guilty before Recorder Ayers, and were fined \$10 each, which they managed to dig up after considerable hustling. One of the fellows up to this time had been employed in Inglewood and the other two were Los Angeles men. These latter two claimed they came down here to bring their Inglewood friend home, but evidently made a bad job of it. A few stiff fines like the above handed to this class of people will keep them away, for which every one living here will be thankful."

## SUCCESSORS LISTED

Ayers served only until November, 1908, when Ed W. Spaulding was appointed city recorder, serving until May, 1910, when J. A. Wilson became the recorder.

On March 20, 1911, A. F. Monroe became city recorder, and he served in that capacity until the office was abolished by adoption of the city charter in January, 1927. A police court was created by the new city charter, and Monroe was appointed to the police court bench, his official title changing from Recorder to Judge. He served until December 1, 1930, when he resigned upon finding the duties of both Police Judge and Township Justice of the Peace—to which he had been appointed when the latter was established in 1925—too arduous.

Inglewood City Council promptly appointed Frank D. Parent to the Police Court Judgeship.

## Early Judge

In our humble opinion, Inglewood has seen no more colorful, varied or more courageous character than the late Judge A. F. Monroe, who sat on the recorder's, police and justice courts bench here. The soul of honor, his judgments always were tempered with mercy and a kindly understanding of the weaknesses and foibles of human nature. His comments, on and off the bench, were tintured delightfully with an insouciant and pertinent humor.

The jurist put in a quarter century as Inglewood High School's first instructor in instrumental music, including the formation and leading of the Sentinel orchestra and band.

### IGNORES HANDICAP

Despite a physical handicap due to infantile paralysis in childhood, Judge Monroe not only carried on in the legal and musical professions with admirable interest and success, but he also was a skilled driver of motor cars, having made several trips from here back to factories, to pick up new cars, trips on which his longtime friend, Constable Joe Bookman (now marshal of the new municipal court of Inglewood), frequently accompanied him.

Judge Monroe was a familiar figure on the Inglewood Country Club golf course. He also was frequently a winner in his foursome. It is recalled that he also figured as a cup winner. He also enjoyed tennis and swimming. The foursome with which he usually competed included such crack players as Dr. Gail Fehrenson, Dr. Fred Ott and Dr. Eldon Tyce.

An insight into Judge Monroe's courageous, determined and thorough-going character was seen in his resolve to become a good golfer, in spite of difficulties. Mrs. Monroe says that he declared that he resolved to specialize in straight and accurate drives, as he couldn't drive as far as most of his competitors. Also to intensively practice putting, so that he never wasted any shots on the green. These resolves certainly paid off!

Judge Monroe and his wife, Frances, came to California from Illinois just for a vacation trip. They met up with the operator of a garage in Venice. The judge found that a half interest in this business, in which he had absolutely no experience, could be purchased. So he bought and soon was immersed to his neck in the maintenance and repair of automobiles of those early days.

### POULTRY COLONIST

Then he heard about the Inglewood Poultry Colony and invested there after disposing of the garage business. This venture is a story all by itself. But be that as it may, the young man soon was a favorite among young and old, due to

his fiddle music. A lot of the younger generation wanted to take lessons, so he obliged. And then, all of a sudden, he found himself the head of the instrumental music department at the then small high school. Judge Monroe taught orchestra two periods daily from 1912-13 to 1936-37.

The enthusiasm and inspiration he got from his students speaks volumes for his success and the universal love and respect he got from them. These included such as George Crozier, who for many years played with Paul Whiteman, and Homer Simmons, internationally-known composer and pianist, and Frances Forster, Los Angeles schools music supervisor.

Judge Monroe, due to his constantly increasing judicial duties, finally and regretfully retired from the high school post. Following his untimely demise in the first year of the war, Mrs. Monroe presented his fine old violin to the high school. It had been the custom of the old master to permit some of his best pupils to play it at certain concert performances, a recognition greatly appreciated by these youngsters.

## **New Municipal Court**

June 1, 1949, saw the establishment in Inglewood of a Municipal Court with Judge Frank D. Parent, who had been judge of the Inglewood Township Justice Court, and Judge Lester O. Luce of the Police Court, sharing the bench.

Constable Joe Bookman has been named Municipal Court marshal and Ralph V. Scott, his deputy. Mrs. Bessie Ramsdell, who served as Police Court clerk from 1930, is the chief clerk. Robert Beard, with more than six years' experience in local courts, is the new chief deputy clerk. Louise Naylor, former acting chief clerk of the Justice Court, is the deputy civil clerk. Deputy criminal clerk is Eleanora Lewis, former deputy clerk in Police Court.

### **OTHERS NAMED**

D. S. Ordway, formerly of the Justice Court, is the senior legal stenographer. Beverly J. Dalton came from the Police Court to serve as senior typist clerk in Municipal Court. Lucille Niemoeller is deputy clerk.

A civil service examination scheduled soon will decide who is to be city prosecutor. William P. Malloy, currently president of the Inglewood Township Bar Association, is serving in that capacity now, following the resignation of William F. Barta, under a temporary appointment pending the examination.

Following the installation ceremonies, tiny Nancy Eberle, daughter of Lenore Eberle, chairman of the Historic Landmark Committee, La Tijera Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, sold U.S. Savings Bonds to the new judges from a '49er covered wagon float staffed with members of the women's group in colorful pioneer costumes.

## **Police Department**

The town marshal and one night policeman only guarded the city until 1921 when a traffic officer was added. The town marshal was also the building inspector and the night policeman was called "watchman," his main duties being to keep his eyes peeled for fires.

By 1926, the department numbered 12 men, fully armed, uniformed and systematized. In Chief Charles H. White's early days as marshal and building inspector, he was approached by a negro chauffeur and asked to step out to his mistress' car in the street in front of city hall, a weatherbeaten structure with a wide porch and high bannisters. Chief White made a disappointing appearance so far as the visitor was concerned.

Clad in a business suit with white shirt and polished shoes, he wasn't at all what the Angeleno had anticipated. When she saw the city hall which reminded her of her youthful gold rush days, she had concluded the town marshal should be a huge man who wore spurs, a sombrero and a couple of six-guns, she confessed.

### **HOSPITALITY PLUS**

Until Inglewood had its own jail in 1924, it was the custom of local police officers either to take the prisoner to the county jail or Redondo Beach jails, or, if he weren't too tough looking a character and the arrest made late at night, to the policeman's own home to share his bed until morning.

The latter not-uncommon custom was recalled by Chief of Police White a number of years later in reminiscences about the earlier days of his department.

### **FIRST MARSHAL**

J. N. Brooke took up the duties of town marshal February 18, 1908, after a special election conducted by the Board of County Supervisors at which he was elected the previous February 7.

Demand Number One on the finances of the incorporated city of Inglewood paid for a marshal's star at a cost of 75 cents. The salary of this peace officer was set at the munificent sum of \$15 per month.

### **FIRST CHIEF OF POLICE**

White, who became marshal in 1917, was the first man to serve Inglewood as chief of police after the charter was ratified January 27, 1927. After a few months, however, he retired and Herbert Bennett was named as his successor, August 8, 1927.

It is recalled that when White first acquired and tried on his new and imposing blue uniform as chief, big star and all, he strode into Police Court and proudly presented himself before Judge A. F. Monroe. "Gosh, I only wish my mother could see me now," he ejaculated fervently.

In 1937, however, White returned to the department as a patrolman. Oscar Campbell, who had become chief of police, succeeding Herbert Bennett, gave him badge Number One. Campbell served in 1936 and 1938 and was succeeded by Ben Fairbrother, who resigned after two years.

#### MODERN DEPARTMENT

The present Chief of Police, Carl C. Cupp, took office in 1940 and his salary now is \$500 monthly. As of January 1, 1948, personnel of his department consisted of two police captains, three sergeants, six motorcycle officers and 27 patrolmen. There are eight police cars and three motorcycles, the latter owned by their riders.

#### NEW CALL LETTERS

The police department radio station officially went on its new call letters—KMA309, as of June 1, 1949, although the department personnel had been using it for some weeks, "in order to get used to it," it was explained. The change is due to a new law that went into effect on the date mentioned throughout California.

The equipment was installed in 1939 and for some years and until recently, the call letters were KQX1. With the installation of the radio station, police cars and motorcycles also were equipped with radio. All fire department equipment, with two exceptions, is similarly equipped.

Frequently referred to as "Two-way radio," the installations are, in fact, three-way. That is, not only can the police and fire department cars communicate directly with the station, but they also can talk to and fro with the cars of their own or the other department.

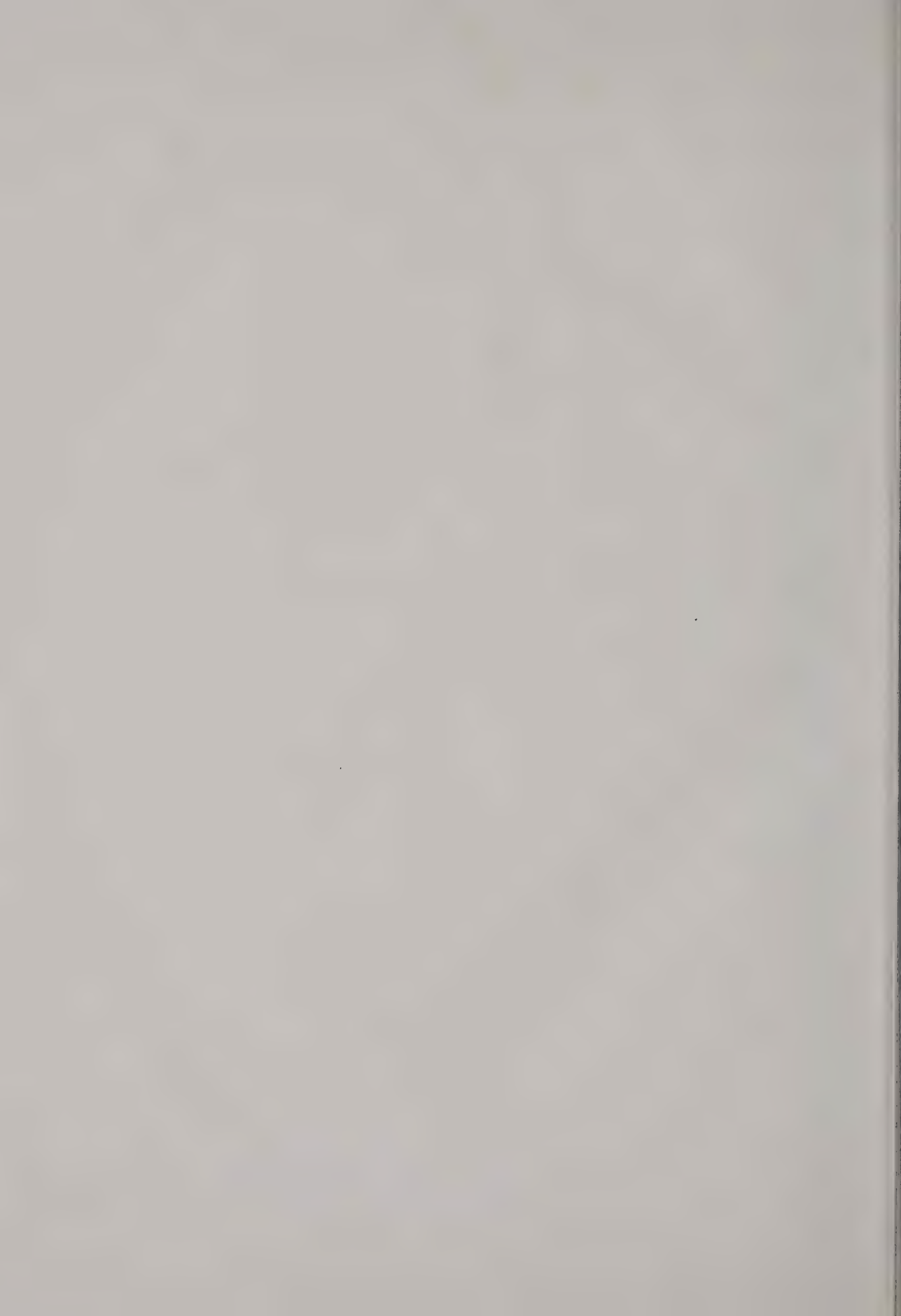
### **Fire Department**

Inglewood's first fire department, which was organized by Charles H. Howell in 1910, was the pride of the city and one of its foremost booster bodies, being credited by many with being the group which put this community on the map. At one time it numbered 87 active members, among them the most prominent business men in town. It sponsored dances and Fourth of July celebrations, organized and kept in operation brass bands, orchestras and minstrel shows.



BUCKET BRIGADE IN FRONT OF OLD CITY HALL AND FIREHOUSE  
BUCKET BRIGADE

Left to right: Dave Thomas, Frank Weaver, Dick Hannington, Charles Hardin, Herbert Gemmill, Jim Kew, Miller, first engineer of the department; Charles Mehegan, Nate Smith, Earl (Shorty) Holdredge, R. W. (Bob) Linfield, Ford Pye, Dan Thomas, Inglewood's first "speed cop." Harry Calvert. John Rowley, Ervin (Fat) Nelson, Jim Farley, Ed Mehegan, and in front row, Sylvan Ybarra, Chief Charles Howell and Ansil Calkins. They are gathered around the department's first fire-fighting equipment, a handdrawn two-wheel 40- gallon chemical tank, with lantern and hose.



On at least two occasions, it brought fame to Inglewood by entering beautiful floats, one in a Los Angeles fiesta and the other at the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.

After a charter had been obtained, the organization began to operate as a full-fledged fire-fighting unit on May 11, 1910. Howell served as chief nine consecutive years. Eddie Mehegan was driver. H. B. Bruce obtained the first hand engine. Officers included Nathan Smith, president, and John Aerick, treasurer. Among the members was the "Mutt and Jeff" team of Robert Linfield, who stood six feet five inches, and "Tiny" Humphries, who was around four feet, eleven. Linfield, still hale and hearty, is the father of Captain Clarence Linfield of the headquarters staff. He also is the father of Officer Roy Linfield of the Police Department.

Among other community leaders active in the company were Ansil Calkins, Warren Hall, Herbert Gemmell, Ed Wiggins, F. Bloodgood, Will Hall, Henry Zillgitt, C. A. Mehegan, Arthur Damon, Ford Pye, Sylvan Ybarra, Earl Holdredge, Walter Murray, Will White, A. E. Kneip, Thomas D. Perry, Arthur Cory, subsequently city engineer, J. B. Van Gelder, A. O. Wright, Leo Calkins and the Rev. Messrs. Stevenson and Taylor, who were named to the lunch and lemonade committee.

#### SPEED WINS

In the first fire drill on record, a team composed of Warren Hall, Nate Smith, Harry Spaulding, Pye and McGarvin made a run of 100 yards, stringing their hose in 25 seconds. A team composed of Ybarra, Damon, White, Bennett and Cleveland took only five seconds longer.

H. C. Rowley, R. W. Linfield, James F. Farley and Harry Calvert were the first men elected to membership in the department after the charter was closed, September 13, 1919. In October, the names of Bruce, Hugh W. Hunt, W. H. Miller, Charles H. Eager, A. F. Over Wiggins, James Hansen, A. O. Wight and Thomas D. Perry were placed on the honor roll.

Photographs of early day firemen still may be seen at department headquarters.

Although Inglewood burned some gas in those days, the bulk of the fuel was wood, and there were many fires, most of them from defective chimneys. Others were caused by short-circuited electric wires.

#### GOOD WIND NECESSARY

The hand-drawn engine was a two-wheel contrivance that carried a 50-gallon chemical tank. It usually was drawn by from 20 to 25 husky men who kept in trim physically, for sometimes it was necessary to run for miles. When

the hand-engine no longer was adequate to the needs of a rapidly growing community, the city council commissioned Howell to superintend personally construction of a Garford truck body which was made in a Los Angeles plant.

From their own pockets and from money raised at benefits, the first fire department built the city's original fire hall, an addition to the old city hall on East Queen Street. A piece of railroad steel was suspended and on this the alarms were sounded to call the fire clan together and to warn the citizenry.

When the first schoolhouse in Inglewood was dismantled to make room for a new building, its bell was purchased and donated to the fire department by Charles Eager. It was installed in the cupola of the old fire hall.

#### MUSICIANS, TOO

Professor Jensen and Freeman Bloodgood were leaders of the department's band, composed of 26 musicians. Judge A. F. Monroe directed it as an orchestra.

The company sometimes went as far as Lennox to handle a fire and once as far as Burleigh (near Lawndale) after it had the Garford truck. The City Council put a stop to the long runs, however, and later caused the disbanding of the entire volunteer company by attempting to put on a driver who was not a member. The row which developed was the death knell of the association and the early day firemen laid aside their uniforms.

The Old Colony Hose Cart Company Number Two, which later was to become fire station Number Two on the north side, was established July 1, 1913, when the old hose cart was moved to the north side. A shed was built where now stands the Highland School, and the old equipment was stored there, and a fire company formed to protect the poultry colony.

O. G. Mitchell, who subsequently joined the police department, served several years as a desk sergeant, with which rank he was one of the first to retire after a pension system was established here, was chief. He was assisted by Sanford M. Anderson, R. D. McMullin, George C. England, Roy Mitchell, Kinkade, Clementson, Walter O. Bullis, and Oscar D. Crother.

#### IN LATER YEARS

By 1926, Chief Ervin Nelson was chief of the regular city fire department which had 5 full-time employees and 15 others on a volunteer basis who received pay only for the time they were on duty.

#### BUTTONS PURLOINED

Mrs. Frances Monroe, who spent many years as the clerk in the office of her husband, Judge A. F. Monroe, recalls an incident that perhaps should go into the annals of the volunteer fire department. It was when these worthies

(including her husband) rejoiced in their handsome and resplendent blue shirts with ornate white buttons. Somehow or another, she had a yen to see these buttons on a new dress or blouse, or sump'n, we don't remember just what. But, anyhow, she snipped them off the shirt and then sewed them on her own kimono or whatever, with marvelous effect. So much so, that the other ladies of the firemen followed suit (or dress) and great was the lament thereby and therefor. If we aren't mistaken, we believe Mrs. Monroe was in bad with her legal mate for several days in which he wouldn't even speak to her!

#### MODERN DEPARTMENT

Bacil A. Roberts is the current chief of the department which now numbers nearly 50 men. Station Number One, department headquarters, at 111 East Queen Street, has the last word in a new America-LaFrance aerial truck with 75-foot ladder, a 750-gallon pumper, squad, rescue and utility trucks, an ambulance and two coupes.

Station Number Two, at 625 Hargrave Street, has two pumpers, one with a 350-gallon rating and the other of the large size like that at the Queen Street station, while there also are two of the large pumpers at Station Number Three, 8708 Crenshaw Boulevard in Morningside Park.

#### RADIO EQUIPPED

Like the police department, the fire department cars are equipped with radio with which they can communicate with the station or with each other, with the three-way installations.

This radio installation and its quick method of communication has on many occasions prevented large fire losses. On other occasions, it also has saved the taxpayers a considerable outlay for gasoline, when fire trucks rolling to a fire at a considerable distance have been informed by radio that the call was a false alarm, or it had already been extinguished.

This may explain why citizens have been mystified at seeing the fire department trucks rolling at high speed with sirens sounding, suddenly slow to a stop, silence the sirens, turn around at the next corner and slowly proceed back to their respective stations.

Two exceptions to fire department equipages include an ancient ambulance and a pick-up truck. The ambulance, somewhat of a museum piece, was presented to the department some years ago by Louis B. Hardin, Jr. It has large wheels and the now archaic type of huge headlights that, however, since have been replaced with modern sealed beam ones that are much more efficient. A 150-horsepower Chrysler motor also has replaced the old and underpowered

one. It is kept at Morningside station as a stand-by when other ambulances are not available.

#### NEW CENTRAL FIRE STATION

Construction on the new \$105,000 central fire station to be erected in the triangle section of Grevillea Park, bounded by Florence Avenue, Regent Street and Grevillea Avenue, was begun early in July of 1949. Architects William Allen and W. George Lutzi drew up the plans and City Administrator F. H. (Bob) Coop awarded the contract in mid-June. Construction is slated to be finished around the end of the year (1949).

The new building will house more equipment and men than are now slated for occupancy.

Fire Chief Roberts said only 24 men will move in, although there will be room for 40.

Three fire companies will be housed in quarters designed for four.

Roberts expects that a squad truck, pumper, rescue truck, 75-foot ladder truck, ambulance and fire chief passenger car will be lodged at the new station.

The construction will be of plaster and long, narrow bricks. There will be a gravel roof. Structural steel shafts will provide for engine room floor space.

The original plan was to remodel the existing fire station. But that plan was abandoned about a year ago.

The idea was junked because the present site of Fire Station Number One was poorly placed to allow the fire vehicles to leave the building quickly.

Another reason for the new station was to keep up with city-wide expansion.

Finances for the station will come out of the general fund of the city. The money was appropriated by the City Council in the current budget.

The city will do the grading of the site and will install landscaping and paving of the adjacent area. A large section will be paved with "black topping" to provide for a parking area.

The architectural firm of Allen and Lutzi has also designed a number of fire stations in surrounding cities, including Los Angeles, South Gate and Redlands.

### **Fires Costly**

Inglewood has had other spectacular and costly fires than the recent one at Hollywood Park, which is covered in detail in the Inglewood Today chapter of this book.

Around the mid-'20s, for example, the Inglewood Chair Factory suffered a \$50,000 to \$60,000 loss when fire broke out in a metal warehouse crammed with fine furniture wrapped in heavy paper to guard against damage in transit.

The wrappings added fuel to the fire and comparable destruction today would figure somewhere around \$100,000 to \$120,000.

Not long after the fire, the charred remnants and the site were purchased by the Kroehler Furniture Co., which since that time has operated it as its Pacific Coast plant.

#### ANOTHER FURNITURE FIRE

The Forrest Furniture Co. fire of April 27, 1946, with a reported loss of \$342,300, was the costliest in the city's history up to the time of the Hollywood Park fire. The plant never was rebuilt.

Other spectacular fires in Inglewood history have been the George C. England Chinchilla farm (\$133,700) in 1944; the Granada Theater (\$121,050) in 1945; Neal's Ranch Market (\$62,563) in 1939; Jim Dandy Market (\$74,028) in 1943; Pierce Bros. Mortuary (\$61,936) in 1943; Potrero House (\$72,287) in 1947, and Basin Oil Co. (\$73,000) in 1948.

Of the fires listed above, only two resulted in fatalities. The Basin Oil Co. explosion took three lives, while a man sleeping above the Mortuary was lost in that conflagration.

### **City Administrator**

The post of city administrator was created by ordinance on October 1, 1946, and Chet Shelley was named to the position, November 16, 1948, as the first to hold the title. He was succeeded March 14, 1949, by F. R. (Bob) Coop, current city administrator.

### **Civic Center Visioned**

When the 15-year-old brick building at 111 East Queen Street is abandoned by the Fire Department, upon completion of its new building around the end of 1949 or early 1950, it will become, after remodeling, the new quarters of the Water and Legal Departments of the city.

The first floor, to be used by the Water Department, is to be drastically remodeled, while there will be only minor reworking of office space on the second floor before Attorney Clyde Woodworth brings his legal department to its new home.

According to City Administrator Coop, any extra office space will be used to lodge other city agencies.

The Water Department now is housed in City Hall and the Legal Department is located at 210 East Queen Street.

Rounding out the Inglewood Civic Center, including remodelling of the City Hall exterior to conform to the architecture of the newer structures, there will be the new Fire Department Headquarters now under construction, a new \$200,000 police station and jail building, and a Municipal Court Building. All of these are expected to be completed by or under construction, in the summer of 1950.

On insistence by the County, the Municipal Court Building, a two story and basement structure that it is estimated will cost from \$250,000 to \$300,000, will be erected on the Grevillea Avenue and Regent Street corner.

### **Director of Public Works**

Predecessors of the city administrator were two men who held the title of director of public works. The late Barney Aspinwall was the first of these, while his successor was Dave Bulloch, of whom Edwin W. Dean, editor and publisher of the "Inglewood Daily News" wrote upon his death:

"David Bulloch, who spent 24 of his 67 years of life serving the City of Inglewood, was buried yesterday, but the memory of his good works and kindly philosophy will be long remembered.

"It was the privilege of your editor to spend considerable time with Dave last year when we both were working on the memorial now located at Grevillea and Manchester. The task consisted of getting permission to locate the memorial in Grevillea Park from adjacent land holders, and is not pertinent to this discussion, except that it took many evenings of Dave's time.

"His whole philosophy is epitomized by his comment one evening while driving home that his 'house was not large' but he owned it honestly and had found happiness there.

"Despite ill health and poor eyesight in recent years, Dave attended every meeting which involved beauty and flowers and landscaping for Inglewood. After nearly a quarter century of service, he still devoted most of his energy and conversation to plans to make this a more beautiful city and to improve the service to the people.

"He had a kindly philosophy toward life and men, and an old-fashioned belief in the virtues of work and thrift.

"He stood for the kind of life which results in true happiness and the respect of your fellow men.

"Probably the bulk of the city's population never had the pleasure of meeting Dave personally for he was by nature rather shy and soft-spoken.

"Those, however, who down the years knew him and worked with him, will never forget this kindly old man with his pipe and his philosophy.

"One of his habits was to listen quietly to a discussion and then when nearly all viewpoints had been expressed, to sum them all up and offer the best possible solution in a quiet voice which never failed to demand attention and respect from those present.

"In the relatively short time that we worked with and were friends with Dave Bulloch, we came to have a great liking and friendship for this fine gentleman.

"Inglewood has received many benefits from his work through the years and suffers a great loss by his passing."

#### A WORD ABOUT THE MAN

David Bulloch was born in Dunoon, Scotland, where he spent a happy boyhood. He arrived in the United States in 1901, going first to Texas and then to San Francisco following the earthquake. Later he joined his parents who had migrated to Canada in the meantime where he married his Elizabeth in 1912.

Following World War I, the Bullochs with their daughter Ruth came to Inglewood where the young father worked with a contractor before entering the service of the City of Inglewood in December, 1924. His first position was with the Water Department. On February 25, 1942, he became acting director of public works and park superintendent for the duration of World War II.

The armed forces occupied Centinela Park during the war and from April 1, 1943, until his death just before Christmas of 1948, he was director of public works, and had a large part in the rehabilitation of the park.

Incidentally, the Federal Government paid the City approximately \$72,000 to compensate for the damage done under army occupation.

### **Parks and Recreation**

The Inglewood City Park Department was established with the adoption of the City Charter in 1908. The original charter provided a 15-cent tax levy for park purposes. The Recreation Department was established by ordinance on the 15th of October, 1934, while Raymond V. Darby, now a county supervisor, was mayor. This ordinance created the first Recreation Commission, members of which were Elton D. Boone, chairman; S. D. (Sally) Baird, Nancy Kimball, Kathleen Mumma, Charles L. Blek, Jack F. MacKenzie and Kenneth Kellough. The modest budget appropriated for the recreation program permitted only a very limited amount of municipal sponsored recreation activity.

Largely because of conditions created by World War II, the City Council, consisting of Mayor Ernest S. Dixon, S. D. Baird, Everett Simmons, Frank Fleischhacker and Stanley Tryce, revived the Recreation Commission.

This commission was under the chairmanship of Councilman Baird. Robert Munzie was employed as City Recreation Director as result of this commission's recommendation to the council. Munzie was employed in this capacity from July 21, 1934, to May 31, 1944. Replacing him as director was Miss Eula Jack, who served in this capacity from June 7, 1944, to February 28, 1945.

#### GOATES APPOINTED

In June, 1945, this commission recommended the appointment of R. K. Goates, who held a similar position at Ogden, Utah, for this position. This temporary appointment became effective in June of 1945. Following civil service examination for this position, the City Council appointed Goates who was Number One in the examination, to a permanent appointment, which he still holds.

The framework for the city's expanded recreation program was drawn up and received the commission's approval. Seven major divisions of activity were outlined as follows: Sports, playgrounds, social, special events, special interest groups, swimming, music and dramatics.

The interest and support of the Inglewood service clubs, churches, schools, and individual citizens were mobilized behind the development of this program. Largely because of the cooperation received by the new department from the many individual volunteer workers and service clubs, the framework outlined above was gradually filled in with a program of activity in every division with the exception of music and dramatics.

#### SPORTS PROGRAM

The city sports program includes organized leagues in softball, basketball and football. These leagues are Playground leagues (for boys of elementary school age and centering at the elementary school playgrounds); Boys League (for boys 13 years of age and under); Junior League (boys 14-16 years of age).

League competition is also provided in three classifications of men's leagues, designated as "A," "AA," and "AAA." This meets the department's objective of providing the opportunity for continuous participation throughout all age groups in a year-round program of sports.

In November, 1945, Alex D. Aloia, a former captain in the Army Air Corps, was employed by the department as a group supervisor in charge of the sports program, playgrounds, and special events.

#### SERVICE CLUBS AID

As an example of the support of the Inglewood service clubs in this program, representatives from eight of these accepted unanimously the department's

invitation to co-sponsor the junior sports leagues. The service clubs provide the uniforms and assist the department in securing volunteer coaches for the teams.

Representing service clubs at the original organization meeting on August 11, 1946, were: Kiwanis Club, Frank L. Seeley and Russ Hunter; Lions Club, Al Duer and Jimmy Johnson; Rotary Club, Dr. H. Fred Heisner; 20-30 Club, Henry Leesman and Bill Brown; Optimist Club, Bill Smith and O. L. (Slim) Trulove; Junior Chamber of Commerce, "Mort" Morton and Kenneth Hurlburt; Elks Club, Henry Ward; Morningside Park Lions Club, Don Williams. Max Calvert and Ken Reaume.

Several of the service clubs also accepted invitations to co-sponsor activities in the special events division. For example, the Inglewood Elks Club co-sponsors the annual Junior Olympics Track and Field Meet, the Junior Chamber of Commerce co-sponsors the annual "Huck Finn" Day, the 20-30 Club supervises the annual Hallowe'en Carnival, receiving financial assistance from all Inglewood service clubs, the P.-T. A. assists with the annual Easter Egg Hunt, and provides thousands of colored Easter eggs for this event annually. The Inglewood Rollfast Club co-sponsors the annual Bicycle Derby.

In the Social Division, the new department undertook official sponsorship of a teen-age organization. This teen-age group had held dances above Floyd Ashbaugh's ice cream parlor at La Brea and Hardy, the Veterans Memorial Building and other locations. Advisors to this group were Mr. and Mrs. Byron Kimball, who generously and most ably served in this capacity on a volunteer basis. Supervision was provided at these functions by the Kiwanis Club.

### 13-20 CLUB

This group became known as the Inglewood 13-20 Club and was soon augmented by the formation of two similar groups, the Twilight Club, for boys and girls of Junior high school age, and the Ingle-Airs for young adults. Thus the objective of continuous participation through all age groups in the social division of the department program was accomplished.

The first president of the 13-20 Club under the department sponsorship was Joyce Bullock. Succeeding presidents through June, 1949, follow: Don Wallace, Lester Raley, Gerald Mydland, Jody Rife and Ronald Kettering.

### INGLE-AIRS

The Ingle-Airs group resulted from a meeting of thirty original charter members under the co-chairmanship of Shirlee Sodoma and Jack Griffith. Original charter members were Manuel Lopez, S/C, Frances Hearne, Paul Riste, Nat Wilson, B. Louis Mathern, Col. E. Alexander, Rex L. Millhouse, Raymond Morgenstern, David Howey Akey, Marjorie Kingcade, Gordon Lillis, S/Sgt.

Milton Sipple, Bud Hindrix, Harry Timmerman, Helen Moss, Barbara Wight, Josephine Pinamonte, Marjorie Clazie, Mary Gardner, Theda Besser, Delores Joseph, John W. Simmons, Jack Griffith, Shirley Sodoma, Evelyn Thompson, Catherine Kornegay, Kenneth Brown, Mercedes Chavez, Lovene Tilden and Martha Mae Coen.

Shirlee Sodoma was elected first president, followed in succeeding terms by Paul Hawley, Jack Barry, Fred Horspool, Morrie Johnson and Don Frank, through 1949. The third counterpart in this social division, the Twilight Club, was formed in February of 1947, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Kimball, group supervisor and advisor to the 13-20 Club. The first president of this organization was Nancy Stevenson, followed by Jeanette Darling and Bob Hasara.

#### USO BUILDING PURCHASED

In February, 1946, the City Council, consisting of Mayor E. S. Dixon, Frank Fleischhacker, Everett L. Simmons, Stanley Tryce, and S. D. (Sally) Baird, purchased the USO building for the sum of \$20,000, to be operated as a Community Recreation Center. This followed the close of World War II and the announcement by the USO that its operation in Inglewood would be terminated.

From the former USO staff, B. Louis Mathern, program assistant, was appointed as a group supervisor in charge of the evening schedule at the Recreation Center, the Ingle-Airs and for special interest groups. Miss Ruth Payne, former USO secretary, was employed as department secretary, replacing Mrs. Thelma Stockwell who had served in this capacity. The employment of Mathern as the third group supervisor completes the supervisory staff of the department as it is presently set up.

The newly acquired Recreation Center became headquarters for the Recreation Department and enabled the department to plan a greatly expanded program of activities. This indoor facility with an auditorium, meeting room, office space, lobby, kitchen, snack bar, etc., was immediately put to full use by department sponsored activity and recreational activity of other civic groups. Some 52 different groups were soon meeting at the Center on a regular reservation. The average monthly participation record for the two-year period 1947-48 grew to 4,600.

In November, 1945, Baird resigned as chairman of the Recreation Commission after seeing his long-time dream of a well-established community recreation program in Inglewood partially fulfilled. Elton D. Boone became the new chairman. Russell Hunter was appointed as substitute in this vacancy for a short time until he was forced to resign because of having residence outside the city limits. Vernon P. Spencer, prominent local attorney, was appointed in

Hunter's place. In October of 1946 Chairman Boone was assigned to a new position outside Inglewood and resigned his chairmanship at which time Charles L. Blek, another local attorney, was appointed chairman.

Upon the motion of Mayor Dixon, an ordinance was approved in October of 1946 which replaced the two existing commissions, one for parks and one for recreation, with a Park and Recreation Commission.

The members of this original Park and Recreation Commission were as follows: Blek, chairman; Frank Held, vice-chairman; Einar C. Matson, secretary; Al Rogers, Ray Mowrey, Jack Beaman and John Flanagan.

Flanagan later resigned and Spencer was appointed in his place to represent the Inglewood High School Board. This position again became vacant following the elections to the High School Board and Jim Mitchell became the new appointee. In February of 1949 Blek resigned because of ill health and Held was appointed the new chairman.

In May of 1948, upon the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission, the City Council combined the Park and Recreation departments under the direction of Goates.

The phenomenal growth of the municipally sponsored recreation program is evidenced by the total participation figures for the three-year period: 1946—185,000; 1947—365,000; 1948—450,000, due credit for which is given to the highly efficient and inspiring leadership of the city recreation director.

## **Chapter XI**

### **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS**

#### **Post Office**

That the little Inglewood Post Office whose four first postmasters operated it only as an adjunct to their stores, has grown to be "big business," is perhaps best shown by two recent competitions between it and Los Angeles.

Inglewood lost the first controversy, in 1945, when the Los Angeles Post Office was awarded the \$60,000 annual business of North American Aviation Corporation which it had been serving. More recently, it was able to withstand an onslaught of the metropolitan postal authorities to name a substation Morningside. A 4,000 square foot substation—just half the size of the Inglewood Post Office—is now being erected to handle "Morningside Park" post office business and is slated to be open right after August 1, 1949, according to Thomas E. Trulove, Inglewood postmaster.

#### **PROGRESS STEADY**

In spite of the loss of North American, the Inglewood Post Office has forged steadily ahead, making a gain even in 1945. Today it employs 170 persons, including 70 who man the carrier routes. Latest figures available show an increase in total annual receipts of more than \$400,000 in the 1938-48 decade. Receipts in 1938 were \$128,317.43. In 1948, they were \$530,912.65. Cancellations in the same decade increased from 3,239,180 to 14,963,287. In 1938, there were 24 routes and around 50 employees including the carriers.

The Post Office Building at Hillcrest Boulevard and Kelso Street—first in the city's history—was dedicated at public ceremonies in December of 1935. At the time the \$200,000 edifice was dedicated, many felt it was too far south to serve the needs of the community. For more than a decade, the government had rented space for a post office in the Sentinel Building at the northwest corner of Queen and Locust streets.

#### **POSTMASTERS NAMED**

Trulove succeeded C. A. Acton in February of 1941. The latter was appointed in 1932 and reappointed in 1936. His predecessor was Fred E. Laxdal,

who served from 1926 until his death. Clarissa P. Mosher, only woman ever to serve Inglewood as postmaster, was named in 1921. During her five years as postmaster, Mrs. Mosher increased the rating of the office from second to first class and instituted city delivery service. Dr. S. J. Hindman held the postmastership from 1915 until her appointment and his predecessor was J. T. Leftwich, who was named in 1910.

L. Oral Calkins (1904-10), Frank A. Zillgitt (1901-03), W. C. Kilby and George Robbins were Inglewood's four merchant-postmasters. Robbins, as related in detail elsewhere in this book, was appointed by President Grover Cleveland in 1888. When he sold his store to Kilby, the latter became postmaster.

## **The Free Public Library**

The Inglewood Public Library, whose interesting history is recounted elsewhere in this book, has exceeded 100,000 circulation for several years. In 1947-48, the figure was 113,034. Books on hand now total 16,405 and the average monthly delivery is 235. Registered borrowers number 11,247.

Operated as a branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library since May, 1913, the local institution occupies the building in Grevillea Parkway accepted by the city from the Carnegie Corporation in 1917 and rebuilt following the 1933 earthquake.

Mrs. Lenore C. Fleming was transferred here as librarian from the Osteopathic Unit of the General Hospital in February, 1945. She is assisted by Miss Bess McCook.

Mrs. Fleming's predecessor was Mrs. Roberta Whitmore, who was branch librarian for a decade. Her principal assistant was Mrs. Bernice Wallace, who had also served in that capacity with Mrs. Lenore Forker, who followed Mrs. Anna Clark, the first librarian.

### **MORNINGSIDE BRANCH**

The first books were issued to Mayor E. S. Dixon and County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby September 6, 1946, when the Morningside Branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library was opened.

Supervisor and Mrs. Darby gave the site and the City of Inglewood erected the \$18,000 building of 2,772 square feet. The building has a book capacity of 15,000 volumes, of which there are about 7,000 adult and 2,000 juvenile now in the collection.

Circulation there in 1947-48 was 48,759 to 4,276 borrowers, while the next annual report probably will reach about 1,000 more. Mrs. Georgia Zalkin is librarian, assisted by Elsie Tipper.

## **Inglewood Y.M.C.A.**

In its first year, The Inglewood Y.M.C.A. organized two clubs—the Toastmasters and the Men's Noonday Bible—and a basketball team that took second place in the Southern California "Y" League. And its progress since has been quite in keeping with its auspicious start.

It was on September 10, 1937, at the home of Homer W. Lewis that the Inglewood District Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association held its first annual meeting and at the same time welcomed to the city its initial and only general secretary, Con Jongewaard, and Mrs. Jongewaard.

Lewis, who was to be elected president in December, 1938, was a member of the first board of directors which was headed by Dr. Fred P. Ott, and also included Kenneth Cresswell, vice-president; Lyman O. Calkins, treasurer; Lloyd W. Lash, recording secretary; Dr. Wallace W. Holley, chairman of the finance committee; Harry Van Beaver, Dr. Robert E. Cralle, Norman Walter Garrison, Dr. Joseph Kincade, Roy J. L. Rosenberg, Harold O. Simar, Clinton H. Spaulding, George M. Sutton and Frank Wells.

### **OLD HEADQUARTERS LISTED**

First three headquarters of the "Y" were in the Beaver Matson Building, the Ohio Building and the Peoples' Federal Savings and Loan Co. Then in 1943 a brick building on La Brea Avenue was deeded to the Y.M.C.A. and the following year the "Y" bought a property on the corner of Kelso Street and Spruce Street for \$9,000.

In 1945, the La Brea Avenue property was sold for \$15,000 and four more lots adjacent to the Kelso and Spruce corner purchased to total 56,200 square feet in the heart of Inglewood. This same year, a lease on a camp site in the San Bernardino Mountains also was obtained.

The following year, headquarters were moved to 325½ East Kelso Street on the "Y" property. In 1948, headquarters were again moved to larger quarters at 315 East Spruce Street. Douglas Pope was boys' work secretary that summer and was succeeded in September by Charles Palmerlee.

### **CAMP DEDICATED**

Attended by 175 persons, dedication ceremonies for the new camp were held in November, 1948. Meanwhile, the Kiwanis Club raised funds for the camp administration building, with Harry L. Pierce as architect and R. Elmer Payne, contractor. Camp Conrad, as it is known, was named in honor of Secretary Conrad Jongewaard.

George M. Sutton, Jr., now is president of the "Y" board. Bob Windhorst is vice-president; Kirk Hunt, recording secretary, and L. Oral Calkins, treasurer.

Housed in the different buildings on "Y" property, which also includes a large black-topped playground, are the Southwest Welfare Center, the Health Center, Y.W.C.A. headquarters, residence for the boys' work secretary, and the caretaker.

Today some 600 persons are registered in the "Y" program in 18 clubs. A few years ago, the "Y" brought fame to Inglewood when one of its wrestling clubs took the A.A.U. championship in Southern California and first place in the Far Western Wrestling Tournament.

### **Inglewood Y.W.C.A.**

Much of the Centinela Valley general public is unaware of the work and scope of the Inglewood Y.W.C.A., which has offices and the use of some of the facilities for recreation in the Y.M.C.A. Building at 315 East Spruce Street, according to Mrs. Elma Eichelberger, who is in charge.

Y.W. Girls first camp was conducted at Camp Conrad, Y.M.C.A. camp near Barton Flats in the San Bernardino Mountains, for the week of August 17-24, more than 80 girls enjoying a week's outing there for only \$20. Mrs. Charles Palmerlee was the camp director and Mrs. Caroleen Ketchum her assistant.

Mrs. Eichelberger also is executive director for South West Los Angeles area of the Y.W.C.A., as well as Inglewood.

#### **GROUPS HERE 11 YEARS**

There have been Y.W.C.A. groups here since 1938, but it was not until 1945 that a committee was formed with Mrs. I. M. Jonathan as the first chairman. Others in turn have been Mrs. Paul Skoog, Mrs. Forrest Murdock and the incumbent, Mrs. Douglas Corrigan.

There are seven Y-teen Clubs of Inglewood and Leuzinger High Schools. The local committee also sponsors a Business Girls Club.

### **Boy Scouts**

Boy Scout activities go back to the time when Roy A. Bush, local pioneer and early-day automobile dealer, now in the real estate and insurance business, was the first chairman of Boy Scout work here. That was in 1918 just after the close of the First World War. Arthur Badenoch, who was the first commander of Inglewood Post 188, American Legion; the late W. George Brown, banker;

George M. (Daddy) Green, of the then Inglewood Union High School district, were instrumental in getting subscriptions to a fund to start Boy Scout work here.

But for various reasons the formation of a district lay in abeyance until about 1923, when Inglewood was joined with what was known as the Crescent Bay Boy Scout District, which included practically all the communities around the bay from Santa Monica to the Palos Verdes.

Bush was named chairman of the Inglewood area, and there were 11 other directors on the local board, among these being Jim Howell and Herman Graaf. Bush resigned in 1929 due to the pressure of business and there is a certificate on his office wall denoting that he was qualified to serve as a member of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. At the time of his retirement he turned over a considerable sum in the Boy Scout treasury to Judge Newcomb Condee and Dr. Wallace W. Holley.

#### FIRST FIELD EXECUTIVE

D. Scott Field was the first field scout executive under the Crescent Bay District. This included not only the cities mentioned above but also Ocean Park, Venice, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach and El Segundo, as well as Inglewood.

Subsequently Inglewood, Lennox and Hawthorne separated from the Crescent Bay group and Judge Condee became the first president of the Centinela Council. Field was in charge for a number of years and had his office in what was then the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce Building, with Miss Justine Johnson, now Mrs. William E. Duelke, as his secretary.

Ted Pfalsgraf, the next Centinela District Field Scout Executive, was successful here for a number of years and during his administration was organized the Scouters Service Club of which the present Mayor E. S. Dixon, long active in Scouting, was the first president.

Following Pfalsgraf came Al Grodrian, a former life insurance man who finally relinquished a highly responsible position to devote his life to Scouting. During the years he was the district field executive here, Boy Scout activities and membership grew by leaps and bounds. He resigned to accept the leadership of a Boy Scout area including all of Nevada and some bordering counties of California.

Following some men with only a brief tenure came "Torchy" Dunn from Salt Lake City. He was so successful that he was called to an important post in the Metropolitan Council. He was succeeded by Jimmie Scott, incumbent.

### SCOUTERS SERVICE CLUB

Although perhaps it should come under the Service Club category, the Scouters Service Club is so closely linked with Scouting in this area that perhaps a little past history would not be amiss here.

As recalled by Russ Grodrian, oils and gasoline purveyor, and a past president of the group, when his brother, Al Pfalsgraf, then scout executive, and Dixon, were having mugs of coffee in a local beanery after a district meeting the talk concerned how to further and improve Scouting in this area. The greatest problem in Boy Scout work is to find able men for Scout committees and for Scoutmasters. None of the four now recall just whose idea it was, but a club for the Scouters, as such officers are called, in contra-distinction to Boy Scouts, was suggested, discussed and decided upon.

The club, still going strong, is in its thirteenth year, and annually the Scouters give a big shindig for what are widely known as Scouters' Widows, the long suffering legal helpmeets of the men who give so generously of their time (including many weekends) to Scouting activities.

Other presidents after Dixon and Al Grodrian, are, in their order: Fred Card, Lynn Allen, Bill Smith, Clarence White, Jack Billings, George Knerr, Jeff Owens, Russ Grodrian, Dick Clark, Arthur Fagent, and the incumbent, George Metzger.

The club now meets for its monthly dinners at The Lennox Woman's Progressive Clubhouse, 3727 West 111th Street, in Lennox.

## Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting started in Centinela Valley with the organization of a troop under leadership of Miss Elsa Hollberg, sponsored by the First Lutheran Church Ladies' Aid. This group was registered with the national Girl Scout organization.

Following a talk by Miss Vaal Stark, regional director of the national body, at Centinela School Parent-Teacher Association, of which Mrs. Leland E. Dye then was president, a troop was organized at Centinela School in March, 1935. Sponsored by the P.T.A., it was registered with the Los Angeles Girl Scout Council. Troops were organized in Crozier, Kelso, Oak and Jefferson Schools the following year.

Need for closer organization and financial help had become apparent by this time and a "starting committee" was formed under chairmanship of Mrs. Gerald South. This committee met with representatives of Girl and Boy Scout troops to organize a drive to provide funds necessary to carry on both programs.

### COMMUNITY COOPERATES

The Inglewood Woman's Club, service clubs, veterans' auxiliaries and Parent-Teacher units were invited to send representatives to the Inglewood District Girl Scout Committee, of which Mrs. South was chairman. Soon, the relationship with the Los Angeles Girl Scout Council was closed and a contact established with the Santa Monica Council. Mrs. Gail Fehrensen was the first district chairman.

The next problem was for an adequate meeting place and it was decided to build the "Little House." Mrs. Glenn Frink headed the finance committee. The Junior Chamber of Commerce, with Clarence Johnson as its representative on the committee, offered to sponsor the building. Every registered Girl Scout earned one dollar to contribute to the building fund. The City Council authorized building of the House in Grevillea Park, dedicating the site to the service of community youth.

### INSPIRED BY RANCHO

Mrs. Clarence Barnard suggested that the building be fashioned after the Rancho Centinela Adobe and R. Elmer Payne, architect, was commissioned to unite the Spanish tradition with modern safety requirements. Materials were either donated or paid for out of the Girl Scout building fund, while the National Youth Administration provided the labor.

Mrs. Robert E. Cralle spent much time in research to assure that the interior decoration would be as authentic as the exterior. The Little House was dedicated at Christmas, 1940, with singing of carols under a tree decorated by the girls themselves. Since that time, many of the girls as well as countless adults have contributed to the maintenance of the house which continues to be used as a meeting place, as well as administrative headquarters and offices.

### COUNCIL FORMED

By September, 1941, the organization had grown large enough to form its own Council. Centinela Valley Girl Scout Council covers the area served by the Inglewood and Jefferson School districts. The national charter was presented in March, 1942. Mrs. Bertram Galloway was installed as first commissioner.

From 1942 to 1949, membership grew from 464 girls and 218 adults to 2,261 girls and 810 adults. In the same period, 2,074 adults took the leadership training. The area now served includes Lawndale, Hawthorne, Wiseburn, Lennox, Westchester and Inglewood.

Day camping was organized in 1940 to give the girls a progressive camping and outdoor experience and 201 attended the first six-day experiment in

Centinela Park that July, under direction of Mrs. Helen Watson. Last year, 640 girls attended and 1949 plans are for three separate camps in Centinela and Ladera Parks.

#### CAMP LEASE SIGNED

In March, 1946, a perpetual lease was signed with the National Department of Forestry on a five-acre site at Big Pines as the first step toward achieving a long-dreamed Centinela Valley Girl Scout Camp.

In April, 1949, a \$20,000 funds-raising drive for the camp was launched and plans call for providing camping facilities for 350 girls this summer. The first two units were scheduled for completion July 1, with the Inglewood Exchange Club as sponsors. These units, which include an utility and shower house, five tent floors, kitchen and dining room, plus the water development, are to cost roughly \$20,000, while the completed camp will be \$59,000.

Mrs. Ralph Lowry and Mrs. L. Mills Beam are co-chairmen of the camp campaign operating committee, members of which are F. Dischner, Mrs. Clarence Smith, Robert C. Greene, Mrs. Russell Foster, Henry J. Schneiders, Frank Benchley, John W. Roe, Mrs. Bert Hodge, Mrs. Fred Allen, Miss Alice Beard, Mrs. Charles Blek, Mrs. Charles Davediet, Mrs. J. C. Evans, Mrs. Lester Fairfield, Mrs. Orlo Fischer, Mrs. B. M. Galloway, Mrs. James C. Haines, Mrs. Ralph O. Horn, Mrs. Gertrude Howard, Mrs. F. H. Lusby, Mrs. F. P. Monroe, Mrs. Rita Paisley, Mrs. F. H. Rubald, Mrs. Paul E. Schaupp, Mrs. O. R. Sonnenberg, Mrs. Franklin Teeple, Mrs. Dan E. Warner, Mrs. Arthur Watson, Miss Susie Whitcher, Mrs. William Pohl, Kenneth Van Wig and Mrs. Charles E. Green.

#### COMMITTEE ADVISORS

The campaign advisory committee includes County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, Edwin W. Dean, Mayor E. S. Dixon, Mrs. Dye, E. B. Fason, Robert Finley, Mrs. Gertrude Howard, John H. Muchmore, B. K. Richardson and Harry Welsh.

On the special 1949 Season committee are Mrs. Homer D. Bolin, Mrs. Albert S. Bowser, Mrs. Harold Ganulin, Mrs. Richard S. Jordan, Mrs. William Lane, Mrs. Carl Pulliam, Mrs. Daniel Peronteau, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shaw, Mrs. Harold Westerman and Mr. and Mrs. John Zillgitt.

Mrs. Peter J. Robbins is executive director of the Girl Scout staff. Others on the staff are Mrs. Robert G. Kleimenhagen, camp director; Mrs. Otto J. Klinger, field director; and Mrs. Ann Sohle, office secretary.

## **Inglewood-Lennox Red Cross**

Just as the Red Cross was on hand to aid in every emergency arising out of the war, so today they are represented wherever peacetime disasters occur.

For example, the Inglewood-Lennox branch of the American Red Cross had workers on the scene of the Hollywood Turf Club fire to serve doughnuts and coffee to the tired firemen as soon as any of them could rest from the flame-fighting.

They also extended aid to Basin Oil fire victims.

### **IN MEMORIAL BUILDING**

B. K. Richardson is chairman of the branch which is located in the Veterans Memorial Building. Here volunteer workers through the Camp and Hospital Service renovate furniture donated for use in sunrooms at Birmingham and Sawtelle Veterans Hospitals. The same group also makes up gift boxes for disabled servicemen and veterans.

The Production Department sews various items needed by hospitalized servicemen and veterans, such as pajamas, robes and slippers, and makes kit-bags, hospital supplies, layettes and refugee clothing, as well as knitting sweaters.

The branch also maintains a Home Service Department whose major emphasis is in helping disabled veterans and their families with their problems. However, services also are offered to persons in the armed forces and their families.

### **MOTOR CORPS**

Volunteer workers drive for camps and hospitals day or night through the Motor Corps, another important department of the Red Cross. These workers transport entertainers to hospitals and camps, deliver veterans' and servicemen's dependents to hospitals, transport hospitalized veterans and servicemen to places of entertainment and around the city on sightseeing tours and transport nurses and home service workers to hospitals and clinics.

The local branch also maintains a Junior Red Cross for boys and girls under the age of 18.

## **Southwest Welfare Center**

Located at 331 East Kelso Street, the Southwest Welfare Center is a Community Chest agency housing the Catholic Welfare Bureau, the Children's Bureau, Family Service and the Community Chest headquarters.

The Catholic Welfare Bureau has one case worker and the Children's Bureau has two.

The Inglewood district Family Service is one of eleven offices operated by Family Service of Los Angeles and serves individuals and families who desire help with their personal problems. Catholics and Jews are referred by it to their respective sectarian agencies.

Services it offers include counseling on problems of family relationship, help with necessary adjustments arising from physical or mental illness, counseling in regard to budgeting, income and expenditures, loans and debts; extending limited financial assistance which would make possible a constructive future plan for the family; services on vocational problems and recreation; assistance in the use of available community resources and the limited service of trained homemakers for a temporary period as mother substitutes.

#### CONSOLIDATION SUGGESTED

Advisability of merging the South Centinela Valley Welfare Center in Hawthorne and the Southwest District Welfare Center in Inglewood into a single unit was discussed at a meeting of representative citizens of five communities concerned with the matter.

Possibility of such a move has been under study for several months by a joint committee drawn from the two welfare councils in the district and the individuals who served in the past Community Chest campaigns.

Opinion reached by the majority was that consolidation of the centers would result in greater efficiency and economy of operation together with a better range of health and welfare services to all the people of the Centinela Valley area.

No conclusive agreement was reached as to the location of the proposed new center, although it was pointed out that it must be convenient for all communities by public transportation.

Recommendation of the group will go before the committee of associated cities of the Welfare Federation of Los Angeles area. According to those present, it was agreed that every attempt will be made to work out the best possible solution in the interests of people in need of service and citizenry of the entire area.

Both existing centers as well as the health and welfare agencies housed in them are supported through the Community Chest.

### **Bureau of Public Assistance**

Covering the entire Centinela Valley area, this department of general and state aids is headed by Honora Costigan, district director. It is one of eleven

offices operated by the Bureau of Public Assistance. It is located at 4504 Lennox Boulevard and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This department offers aid to needy blind and children, offers assistance on vocational and civic problems, assists in family relationship problems through means of counsel, assists aged persons in obtaining old age security benefits, helps with rehabilitation from mental or physical illness, offers financial assistance for persons unable to be self-supporting or without the necessities of life and handled general county relief for persons not eligible for categorical aids.

## **Superior Court**

Inglewood has had its own branch of the Los Angeles County Superior Court since November 19, 1947, when it was opened with appropriate ceremonies by Judge Newcomb Condee. Melanie Dynner, president of the Inglewood Township Bar Association, presented the gavel to Judge Philip H. Richards, who has presided on this bench from the first.

Rev. J. Benner Weaver, president of the Inglewood Ministerial Association, asked the invocation at the 11 a.m. ceremony that morning at which Judge Richards and his staff were officially presented to the city.

Speakers at the ceremony, which was followed by a luncheon honoring Judge Richards, were Vernon P. Spencer, past president of the Bar Association; County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, Judge Collamer A. Bridge and City Attorney Clyde Woodworth.

## **County Clerk's Office**

At the same time it was acquiring a branch of the Los Angeles County Superior Court with fitting ceremony, Inglewood also welcomed a branch of the county clerk's office with more informal fanfare.

Merchants stacked up an impressive list of gifts for the first couple applying for a marriage license on November 16, 1947. Harold Carpenter and Vesta Owens were declared the winners, by lot, after more than twenty couples had lined up before the doors opened.

Located in the basement of the Library Building at 110 South Grevillea Avenue, the office is headed by Helen Whited, deputy. In addition to issuing marriage licenses, the office files civil, probate and adoption cases and certifies notaries.

## Hospitals

Inglewood has three hospitals and two sanitariums. Kenneth R. Drent is administrator of Centinela Hospital at 925 South Flower Street, only general medical institution. The other hospitals both are for maternal care only. They are the Inglewood Bassinette Obstetric Hospital, 9619 South Inglewood Avenue, owned by Mrs. Cora E. Statley, and the Stork's Nest Maternity Hospital, 426 99th Street, of which Mrs. Bertha Ammerman is superintendent.

St. Erne Sanitarium, 527 West Regent Street, has a patient capacity of 200 and handles mild mental, alcoholic and nervous disorders. Jerrold A. Stern is superintendent of this institution which was founded in 1925.

### CENTER OF LONG CONTROVERSY

Daries Inn is listed in the Chamber of Commerce book also as a sanitarium. Owned by Mrs. Peggy Daries, it is located at 205 West Arbor Vitae Street.

Mrs. Daries had contended for 12 years, however, in a repeated controversy with the State Department of Social Welfare, that the "Inn" in the institution's name is factual and that as a hotel operator she needs no license from that department to operate, even though many of her tenants are aged pensioners. She felt that the strict rules of the department would interfere with the privacy and freedom of the persons in her care.

Mrs. Daries was notified by State Assemblyman Glenn Anderson that Mrs. Myrtle Williams, director of the state department, has authorized the District Attorney's Office to drop the latest court action seeking to close the Inn. Subsequently, the papers in the case were dramatically torn up by Mrs. Daries' attorney, David Lynn, in the presence of Judge Frank D. Parent, then sitting in the Township Justice Court.

Cudgels were taken up in Mrs. Daries' behalf by Edwin W. Dean and the Inglewood Daily News and fought for many months, with the result noted above. Vernon Spencer also was her attorney at one time.

## Inglewood Health Center

Dr. J. W. Robinson is in charge of the Inglewood Health Center at 101 South Grevillea Avenue, one of thirteen district centers of the Los Angeles County Health Department. The area covered by its services includes not only Inglewood, but also Hawthorne, El Segundo, and unincorporated areas, such as Lennox, to a total population of 130,041.

Primary purpose of the center is to limit and control communicable diseases

and to serve as a register for vital statistics. Included also in its function is sanitation. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### **Inglewood Medical Aid**

This is a branch office of the Los Angeles General Hospital and is located at 4341 Lennox Boulevard. Mrs. Mildred Schubert is director. One of ten district offices, this organization renders medical service to residents of the community who are unable to pay for private medical care.

### **Federal Agencies**

Inglewood offices of several federal agencies serve this city and the surrounding areas.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue is located at 357 East Queen Street and is headed by a division manager with a staff of around 15. Opened in October of 1945, it serves an area of 370 square miles, including Inglewood, Playa Del Rey, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lennox and the City of Los Angeles, west from Main Street between Slauson Avenue and Rosecrans Boulevard. Wesley Strouse is manager.

There are three military recruiting stations here. That for the Army is located at 312 South Market Street, while the Navy and Marine Corps recruit from 112 South Grevillea Avenue.

#### **INSURANCE BUREAU SERVES**

The Bureau of Old Age and Survivors Insurance is open, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 223 North Market Street to serve all the territory west of Western Avenue between Slauson Avenue and Rosecrans Boulevard.

It issues new, duplicate and corrected Social Security account number cards, assists persons in filing claims for Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance, furnishes information regarding the Federal Social Security program and services approximately 2,400 monthly Old Age and Survivors Insurance beneficiaries.

### **The Old Adobe**

"The Old Adobe" of the Aguaje de la Centinela Rancho which was built in 1786—the same year that Santa Barbara Mission was erected—not only still

stands today but actually is occupied by a family 163 years later. It was the home of Sir Robert Burnett and Col. Daniel Freeman.

Low and rambling, it is about 75 feet long and its adobe walls are four feet thick. Each room has an outside entrance to a vine-covered patio. The hacienda is considered one of the most beautiful adobes in the entire state.

The California Historical Society has installed a bronze plate in the old structure.

## **Southern California Teachers' Home**

Inglewood lost the Southern California Teachers' Home, established here in 1927, five years later when it was moved to 842 East Villa Street, Pasadena. The home is supported by the teachers of nine California counties, Inyo, Orange, San Diego, Imperial, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Riverside, Ventura and San Bernardino.

Contributions by active teachers from 1927 to 1948 totalled \$280,000. Gifts and bequests amounted to \$69,164, while the 68 retired teachers cared for in the home contributed \$76,894.

## **Inglewood Newspapers**

### **INGLEWOOD DAILY NEWS**

It's a far cry from the forerunners of the present Inglewood Daily News, the Times, the Star and the Poultryman, to the present extensive plant with its long row of linotype machines, spacious editorial and advertising offices with a combined staff of 45, busy in the present quarters at 119 North La Brea Avenue.

This newspaper was purchased from its co-publishers, Mabel A. and Hubert A. Shaw, by Edwin W. Dean, former Marengo, Ill., editor and publisher, and Kenneth B. Kraft, a business associate, effective April 1, 1946. But announcement was not made until June 17, 1946, however, the former owners operating for the new ones in the intervening period.

What was to become the Weekly News first appeared in 1904. The Star issued its first paper April 21 188?. The Poultryman saw the light April 2, 1908.

The Inglewood News became a daily as of February 12, 1923, but the weekly was continued until January 1, 1926, when it was consolidated with the daily, which has been published continuously since its inception.

Past history records that Hugh Hunt sold the Weekly News in 1913 to Sam Greene, recently from Iowa. He published it for two years.

William D. Crow arrived from Montesano, Wash., in 1915 and purchased the paper from Greene. Soon after, Crow sent for his long-time shop foreman and printer, Thad N. Shaw. The two formed a partnership known as Crow and Shaw which published the Weekly News and converted it into a daily on the date mentioned above. Some years later Crow retired from the partnership, owing to failing health, but by verbal agreement continued to occupy an editorial chair in the front office of the building at 123 North La Brea Avenue from which the News had appeared during its entire lifetime. Shaw was mastheaded as publisher up to the time of his death in 1931, when his widow and their son became the publishers. Carl F. Blaker was city editor from 1924 to 1929.

Subsequently Roy Rosenberg became managing editor, a post he retained until the Shaws sold the paper. For eight years during this period Lloyd P. Hamilton was news editor of the paper.

Ken Smith became managing editor under the new regime until his resignation in 1948. He was succeeded by Frank Lowery, who had been sports editor, and this post was taken over by Maury Powell, positions they still occupy. John Martin is advertising manager; Hal Maher, classified manager, and Conrad Schnerk, shop foreman.

The paper now occupies twice the space of the plant as it was under the Shaw regime, having taken over another building of the same floor space two doors south.

#### INGLEWOOD-FAIRVIEW GAZETTE

During the 1920s, the Inglewood-Fairview Gazette was established, first as a weekly, then as a semiweekly.

#### INGLEWOOD CALIFORNIAN

Returning to February of 1922, the Inglewood Publishing Company, composed of Eugene Robison, his wife, Myrtis Van Eaton-Robison, and John V. Van Eaton, started the Inglewood Californian. Soon after Lloyd P. Hamilton became city editor it was converted to a daily.

The Van Eaton interests sold the paper to Don Chamberlain who continued it as a daily until it was sold during the depression years to Sam M. Greene and his son, Paul V. Greene. Soon after, the Greens converted the paper to a tabloid semi-weekly. They published it until they suspended publication. Following the suspension its title was purchased by Ralph Ryan. He retained the name as the Inglewood Californian.

#### INGLEWOOD CITIZEN

Subsequently, in March of 1941, the Inglewood Citizen took over the Weekly Californian and its lease and equipment at 114 East Queen Street,

and continued the latter publication as a mail edition until, or until the newsprint scarcity during the war years caused its suspension.

Started as an eight-page tabloid edition on August 9, 1928, in a single room as an office, the Inglewood Citizen after a progressive twenty-one years has grown to a newspaper of nineteen thousand circulation with a record issue of thirty-six pages. It is edited and published in its own modern new plant of more than 4,600 square feet of floor space at 210 North Market Street.

Given its name by the late J. Warren Lane, pioneer Inglewood resident, The Citizen was first established as the Inglewood Shopping News by N. W. Garrison and wife, Connie, within those four walls above the old Spaulding and Malloy Drug Store (then the town "hangout") and now the site of the Owl Drug Store.

At the time of its beginning, the entire area of Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne, El Segundo and Hyde Park to Slauson Boulevard and Arlington Avenue was included in order to provide enough doorsteps for its 12,000 copies.

Moving about as it grew, The Citizen left the drugstore corner for the present Peoples Federal Building and Loan Association Building; then to 217 East Regent Street; then to 219 East Regent Street, and in February, 1941, to 114 East Queen Street, where the present composing room was added.

Having the longest association with The Citizen among its 27 present employees are Doris Cleveland, office manager and bookkeeper, who joined the staff ten years ago, and Walter Wehr, who was employed by Garrison as composing room foreman. Ralph Rollins is advertising manager.

In June of 1946 the Garrisons sold The Citizen. Ted Herrmann, veteran heavy artillery officer of the South Pacific campaigns, became the publisher. Lloyd P. Hamilton continued as editor until his retirement on his 65th birthday, January 15, 1947. He was succeeded by Carl F. Blaker. Since the war, The Citizen has resumed its original characteristic color and again is known as "The Pink Sheet."

#### ILL-FATED STARS

Newest Inglewood newspaper—and the one with the oldest name—was the Inglewood Star, which begun weekly publication April 28, 1949, at 210 East Queen Street. But it ceased publication in mid-summer.

It was owned by Ken Smith, editor; Cecil Dale, advertising manager; Jack Gruden, retail marketing expert; Edwin Stansel and Jeannette Wilson, staff members.

This recalls a similarly brief experience in publishing. Essayed by George Foote, now a prosperous Beverly Hills contractor, and Mel Muirhead, a Canadian, known as "The Centinela Star." Started as a subscription paper in the mid-1930's, it only lasted a few months.

## **Chapter XII**

### **COMMUNITY CUSTOMS**

#### **Fetes Now Traditional**

Since its early boom days, Inglewood has known that there is no better form of community advertising than to bring a crowd of visitors here "to see and to believe." Accordingly, nearly every year in good times and bad she has managed to offer special hospitality to her neighbors and friends.

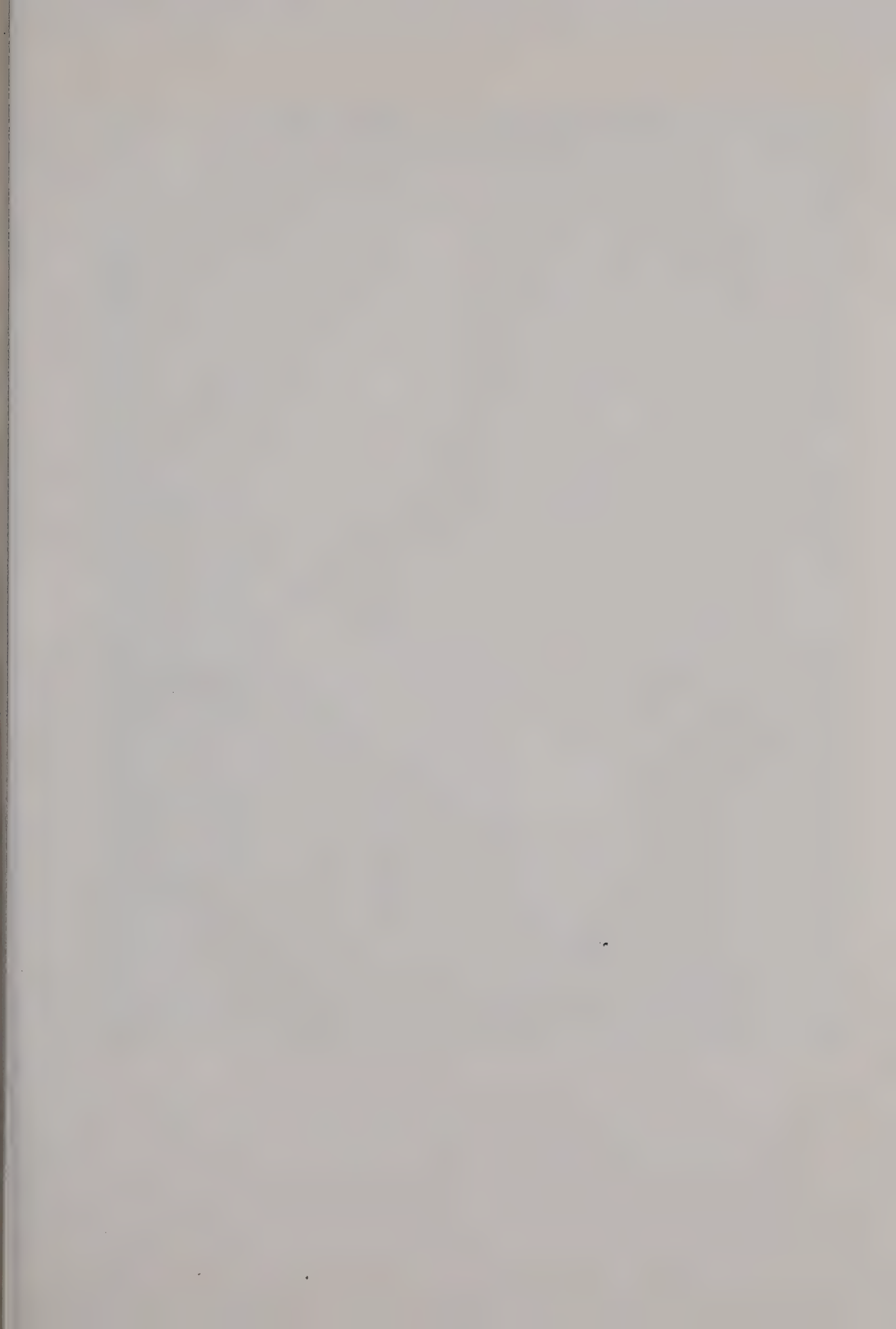
#### **Centinela Days**

From 1931 until World War II, Inglewood pointed with pride to her romantic past and, incidentally, won new residents and investors with a gala Centinela Days celebration sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. J. Warren Lane, J. A. (Jake) Danielson and William Kemper are credited with originating the idea, in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the city's founding.

The idea was revived in 1947 under auspices of the Ingle-Aires and enlarged the following year with the cooperation of the city, which appropriated \$2,500 toward the expenses, and some 26 local organizations. The Chamber of Commerce and IRMA each donated \$100 toward the \$7,500 celebration.

Morrie Johnson, Ingle-Aires president, was general chairman of the 1948 event and the moving spirit of this revival. Serving with him were Theda Besser, Robert Dean Tribble, Mrs. Donald Sodoma and B. Louis Mathern. Mathern, who was general chairman of the 1947 celebration, served as executive secretary of the 1948 Centinela Days.

Hurriedly organized and planned by the Ingle-Aires after other organizations were deterred by the task, the 1947 Centinela Days parade was an amazingly long and spectacular one. It lacked just one thing, band music. But Mil Zillgitt, at that time still at his former South Market Street location, came to the rescue with a record player and loud speaker that provided martial march music that could be heard for several blocks.



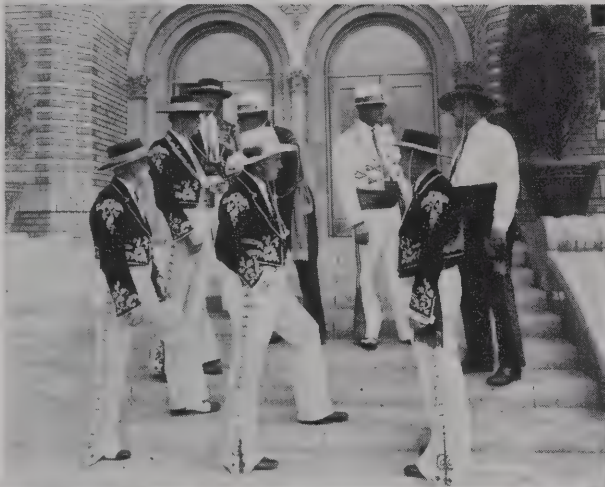


#### THE FIRST PAGEANT OF CENTINELA SPRINGS (1931)

Top: Pageant of Centinela Springs Pageant Cast—By numbers: 1. Minor H. Babcock, 2. Hugh Reynolds, 3. Dawn Bullock, 4. Norine Dawson, 5. Helen Matson, 6. Mrs. Leroy Fishbeck (Anne Grieve), 7. Lucille Ramsey, 8. Bonnie Emery, 9. Leslie Forster, 10. Frances Forster, 11. Roy Winborn, 12. Walter Cleaver, 13. Don Allen, 14. Mrs. Thelma Babcock, 15. Miriam Coolee, 16. Miss Gould, 17. Miss Dacer, 18. Irene Rundquist, 19. Julia Malkus, 20. Mrs. Ernest Gerlach, 21. Janet Ruth Cuthbert, 22. Pearl Irvine, 23. Mrs. Lightner, 24. Norma Sherwood, 25. Mrs. Willgard.

Lower: Pageant Orchestra, left to right: Frances Forster, Norine Dawson, Lucille Ramsey (standing), Mrs. Leroy Fishbeck, Dawn Bullock, and Leslie Forster.

(Photos by Lindburg Studios)



# CENTINELA DAYS PARADES ..

Upper Left: The four Bennett brothers riding behind a span of mules from the Bennett Ranch in 1935 Centinela Days parade.

Upper Right: J. A. (Jake) Danielson, (left) and J. Warren Lane, who with Bill Kempen, are said to have originated the parade idea, mounted in front of City Hall ready to march in first parade.

Middle Left: City Officials ready for first parade. Note resplendent costumes! In front: City Councilman Roscoe Sarles, Mayor Raymond V. Darby, City Councilman Louis B. Hardin, Jr.; in rear, left to right: City Councilman J. M. Fulbright, his son, John Fulbright; City Building Superintendent Garfield J. Leftwich (lighting cigarette), City Treasurer Harry Spaulding and Fire Chief Bacil Roberts.

Middle right: Former City Councilman Robert Haenggi at reins of "surrey." Left to right: Haenggi, David W. Griffith, Mrs. Griffith, and Mrs. Mina Kelso, widow of Inglewood's first mayor.

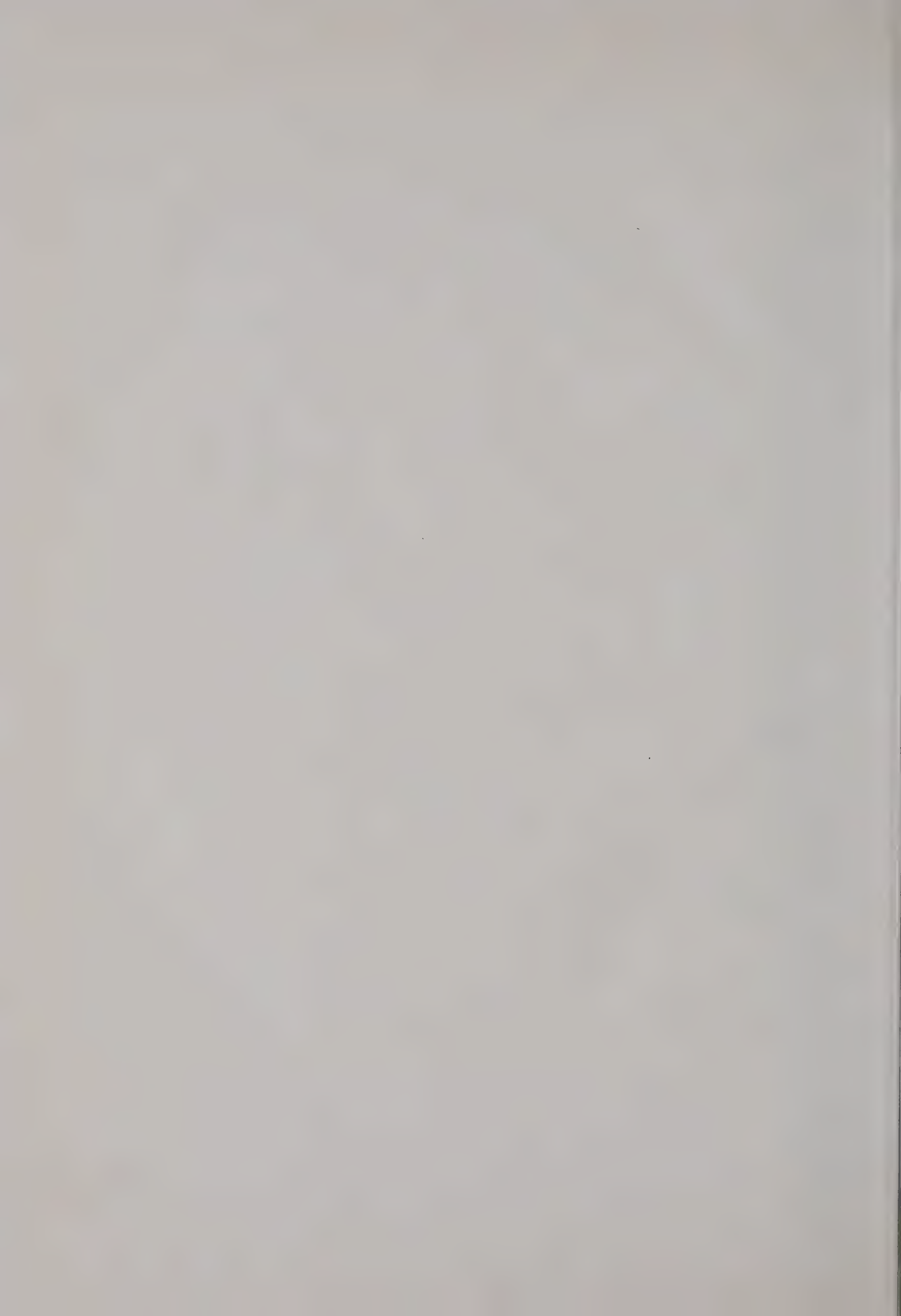
Lower left: "Old Time Centinela Ranchers," appeared in 1932 parade in ancient rig salvaged and put together from remnants in the Haenggi barn. Left to right: Jim Kew, Haenggi, Jack Benn, William S. (Billy) Magee, and Joe Long.

(Photos by Lindberg Studios)

Lower middle: Lorraine Huff, Queen of 1949 Centinela Days.

Lower right: Morrie Johnson, King of 1949 Centinela Days.

(photos by Tony Siminski)



The Exchange Club had charge of the open air band concert. The Junior Chamber of Commerce staged the Saturday parade. The horse show was directed by the 20-30 Club. The Optimist Club was in charge of amusements for children, while a dance was sponsored by the Morningside Park Lions Club.

#### "SEÑORITA CENTINELA"

Maurine Moody was queen of the 1948 Centinela Days and she, as "Señorita Centinela," and Mayor E. S. Dixon were featured in the traditional ribbon-tying ceremony which opened the celebration. Miss Moody held a ribbon signifying Inglewood's romantic past, while the civic official held another indicating its present and future. Johnson knotted the two and the celebration was under way.

At a Chamber of Commerce breakfast preceding the 1948 event, costume prizes went to Mrs. Grace Crow and Carl P. Sheddan. Mrs. Crow, widow of the former publisher of "The Inglewood Daily News," was in a 120-year-old gown, while Sheddan wore a burlap version of a Centinela ranch costume.

#### THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Paul Hawley was general chairman of the three-day Centinela Days celebration beginning with a Centinela Days Kick-off breakfast given by the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce at Potrero House. Chamber Manager Dorothy Dye opened the meeting, Sam Greene, speaker; Fred Krause, chairman of the day, and Norine Dawson, emcee.

Morrie Johnson and Lorraine Huff were crowned king and queen respectively by Municipal Judge Frank D. Parent preceding the evening street dance.

Saturday began with a six-division street parade of costumed riders, many floats and three bands, with Andy Alexander as grand marshal. "Fiesta Follies" was the evening show in the Bowl.

"Sunday Afternoon in the Park" was the general theme of that period of Sunday. Beard contest, under Improved Order of Red Men auspices, followed picnic sponsored by La Tijera Parlor, Daughters of the Golden West, band concert sponsored by 20-30, costume contest conducted by Toastmistress Club, fencing exhibitions sponsored by Ingle-Airs, music by the Barber Shop quartets, triple-header softball game sponsored by Post 398, American Legion, and other attractions.

Concluding the evening was the brilliant musical pageant presented by the Centinela Theatre Guild under the direction of Zella Young.

#### CHAMBERLAIN AUTHOR

Alfred E. Chamberlain wrote the original pageant-drama, "Romance of Centinela Springs," based upon the romance and traditions of the historic

Mexican Rancho Aguaje de la Centinela. Filled with thrilling episodes, it was intermingled with dramatic personal interest and Indian music sympathetically interpreted by well-known vocalists, dancers and instrumentalists.

The pageant-drama turned back the pages of time to when two Indian chiefs, White Eagle and Silver Fox, took a last desperate chance to find water for their suffering tribe, and continues during three acts with the peaceful life which follows at the site of Centinela Springs under the leadership of Chief Wam-bah-lee-ska. Princess Centinela, the chief's beautiful daughter, is loved by her childhood playmate, Tokalah.

All goes smoothly until the arrival of a dashing Spanish Cavalier, Don Antonio, captain of a party of soldiers en route from San Diego to Monterey. A clash between the Indians and Spaniards over water from Centinela Springs results in Don Antonio being wounded by Natoma, a woman of the tribe. Meanwhile a romance develops between Antonio and Princess Centinela and brings about the denouement of the drama.

#### OUTSTANDING FEATURE

Presented two evenings a year, the pageant-drama became the outstanding feature of an entire week's celebration which attracted thousands of southlanders to Inglewood. The Chamber of Commerce files, opened by Dorothy A. Dye, manager, to the Community Book staff, contain a complete report on the 1936 celebration and it has been taken as a typical example of the fete in its heyday.

The week of August 3 to 8, 1936, found Inglewood citizens transformed into the dons and caballeros of another period and a Memory City erected in Grevillea Park where were to be found, open all day and evening, rides, stunts, booths and special events for children.

Roaming street singers entertained adults there during the day and there was a special evening program each night featuring talent from the Los Angeles Federal Music Projects and the County Department of Recreation and Playgrounds. Luncheon was served there daily by the Inglewood Council of Parents and Teachers and a Hobby Show and Display, a Stamp Exhibit and dancing every evening were regular features, under the sponsorship of various organizations.

#### BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Monday's big feature was a bridge tournament under the stars where more than 1,000 auction and contract players competed for cash prizes on an entire block on Commercial Street. Billed as the "largest and most unique tournament of its kind ever undertaken," pictures and stories about it appeared in more than 1,200 periodicals throughout North and South America and in five foreign

countries. Players from 28 Southern California cities and eight states participated in the tournament. During intermission, the bridge players paused to watch a magnificent fashion show and style parade.

The bridge tournament was the brainchild of Robert Steele Hartman and Roy Rosenberg. Hartman, secretary of the Chamber, and who conducted the spectacular event annually, also was widely known as a bridge expert.

Tuesday's main event was a 52-mile bicycle race with more than 40 contestants competing for ten valuable prizes, eight medals and three cups. Wednesday was dedicated to Lions Club members, who, like the Realtors and the Elks on Monday and the Rotary Club on Tuesday, lunched *al fresco* under the trees at Memory City with their guests in keeping with the hospitable, cooperative theme of the entire week.

Kiwanians were official hosts of the Thursday activities which featured a pet parade for the public that afternoon and a noon luncheon at Memory City for members and visiting Kiwanians.

A feature of the day was the singing by Dr. John B. Peterson, attired in his famous "Charro" costume, of various Mexican folk songs. Friday, which was glamorized by the opening night of the pageant in Inglewood Bowl, was the Chamber's own day. The fiesta feasts were immortalized by appreciative gustatory comments by Ed Ainsworth in "The Los Angeles Times."

#### MEMORIAL TREE

A special committee carried out the pretty custom of planting and dedicating a memorial tree. Civic leaders, officials and visitors from neighboring communities lunched at Memory City. The week was climaxed on Saturday with the second performance of the pageant, the Sciots parade and the mammoth Centinela Valley parade and horse show. At the luncheons and during other events of the week, those attending wore the colorful Spanish costumes.

The pageant cast of 75 Inglewood and guest artists was directed that year by Willa Roberts, with the book dramatized by Jack Hamilton from the original Chamberlain story, and the music written by the latter, Ferne Harte now Mrs. Crowley, and Maybelle M. Dyer.

To give an idea of the all-community interest in the production is the fact that not only did the Boy Scouts serve as ushers at the performances, they were also given credit on the programs right along with the professional costumers for furnishing the bows and arrows used by the actors.

#### ALL COOPERATE

Almost all of Inglewood's club and countless business firms served as founder members of the Centinela Pageant Association which was headed in 1936 by a board that included William Kempen, president; Homer W. Lewis,

Norman Walter Garrison, Ernest F. Gerlach and Vernon P. Spencer. Names of individuals among the founder members included Drs. and Mmes. C. W. Farmer, O. F. McMaster, Leslie B. Curtis, John W. Roulette, J. Frank Garrison, John W. Fate, Robert M. Francis, John B. Peterson, Gail Fehrensens, Leigh E. Sloan, Edward Campbell, E. D. Charland and Robert E. Cralle; Messrs. and Mmes. George M. Sutton, J. A. Danielson, Herbert Merrill, Ralph F. Lamb, Ernest M. Mansur, Kenneth N. Clarey, Harold V. Busby, D. B. VanDerlip, R. D. Aylsworth, Carl Matson, Frank Zillgitt, Frank D. Parent, A. F. Netzel, A. E. Chamberlain, O. W. Jessup, C. A. Acton, W. O. Morrow, James P. Hansen, I. M. Jonathan, Robert O. Carter, George M. Green, Ernest S. Dixon, Louis B. Hardin, Jr., Roy L. Hill, Al Kadner, William Kempen, Clyde Woodworth, H. V. Beaver, William Hartford, Leo Calkins, B. K. Richardson, A. H. Robbins, Otto H. Duelke, Harry Frank, R. E. Payne, Garner White, Warriner Hadley, E. W. Dawson, Dwight H. Fobes, Bert C. Sorensen, A. R. McGregor, George C. England, Emmett B. Browne, Claire Spaulding, N. J. Salyards, Ernest P. Miller, R. F. Wells, J. G. Koch, Norman Walter Garrison, O. A. Elder, Gus A. Camien, Joseph Kaiser and E. C. Heath.

#### OTHER FOUNDERS

Among other individual founder members, according to the 1936 official program, were Judge and Mrs. A. F. Monroe, Drs. W. W. Holley, Fred P. Ott, Robert F. Ott, John McPhee and R. K. Francis; Raymond V. Darby, Mrs. Grace Freeman Howland, Lotta B. Putnam, J. F. Ashens, Bertha Hollister, Mrs. L. N. Smith, Mrs. Betty L. Dunn, W. Wellington Farrow, Louis B. Harvey, Joseph E. Glymour, Archibald Ferguson, Ferne Harte, Mrs. Maud E. Knudson, Mrs. Drusilla C. Cropsey, Nina E. Woodward, J. L. Gibson, Milford Zillgitt, Dan B. Wise, Mrs. Ella M. Friend, Lucy H. Purdum, Mrs. Edwin S. Fuller, S. M. Greene, Mrs. Nettie Metcalf, Mrs. B. T. Dyer, Miss Emma Saltsman, Percy R. Pownall and Mrs. William Hubert.

Mentioned also were the then deceased late Mrs. Mina C. Kelso, Arval Sarles, George L. Veatch, Mrs. W. E. Haydon, Mrs. Helen E. Liggett and W. S. Pepper.

Mrs. Thad N. Shaw, wife of the then publisher of the Inglewood Daily News, was selected as official hostess of the first Centinela Days celebration.

Chamberlain, who furthered the Centinela Days idea broached originally by J. Warren Lane when the latter was Chamber of Commerce president, had himself headed that body during 1929 and 1930. Active in many cultural activities of the community, Chamberlain had an extensive background in choral music when he came to Inglewood in 1923. He had directed a male chorus in Chicago where he had been president of the Chicago Advertising Association

which inaugurated the Better Business Bureau. So he brought both business and artistic talent and experience to the production of the "Romance of Centinela Springs" and to the presidency of the Pageant Association which supervised the production.

One of the most brilliant events of the pre-war Centinela Days was the parade that climaxed the week's daytime events. Hundreds of gaily costumed horsemen entered and competed for honors which went pretty consistently to Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz's mounted posse and its individual members.

## **Industrial Exposition**

In the mid-twenties, in keeping with its general drive for civic recognition, Inglewood staged its first annual Centinela Valley Industrial Exposition, attracting 15,000 interest guests. The five-day exposition began, according to newspaper accounts of that time, in a comedy of errors, and ended in a blaze of glory when the Inglewood Woman's Club published a record-breaking edition of the "Inglewood News."

Sponsors of the event must have thought they had solved all of their problems—including making last-minute additions to the big tent the Sunday before the fete opened—before the affair began. But they reckoned without the fate which has beset Inglewood throughout its career, that minor upsets should accompany each of its successful undertakings.

### **LOVE'S LABOR LOST**

The May night in 1925 when the first annual Centinela Valley Industrial Exposition opened, the floor of the improvised ticket booth collapsed, hurling Gerald F. Sparling and hundreds of ducats to the ground. Sparling wasn't injured, but there were tragic results nevertheless. It seems that the swains of the city, noting an inviting space between floor and ground, had been storing the kewpie dolls they had won in the fun zone there.

Not a kewpie "survived."

Such an upset involving so many "casualties" might seem trouble enough for any exposition elsewhere than in Inglewood. Here the fun was merely beginning. Inside the main tent one minute there was blāzing light and a moment later—complete darkness. The transformer had become overloaded and, as is the habit of such contraptions, had blown out. Quick thinking by Harry D. Mathews saved the day, or rather the night. Among the exhibits were a number of new automobiles whose headlights he immediately pressed into service and avoided panic and possible injuries to many.

### "YOIKS!"

All was serene for a little while after that—until one wall of the booth which housed the baby silver foxes (no kin of Chief Silver Fox) collapsed and a venturesome pair escaped. Nothing could ease the tension felt by the crowd when the word got around that two "wild animals" had escaped and it wasn't until after they were recaptured that their owner had time to explain that they were only "lovable pets."

If the men of the exposition were having more than their share of troubles, however, the Inglewood Woman's Club journalistically-inclined members were finding newspaper publishing a cinch.

Every stick of copy was on the editor's spindle way before deadline and the 10-page edition of the "Inglewood Daily News" was on the streets 30 minutes early. Teen-age daughters of the clubwomen, garbed as newsboys, sold the exposition edition hot off the press and street sales climbed to record proportions.

### STAFF NAMED

Mrs. Frank D. Parent, chairman of the club building fund committee, was editor-in-chief of the May 16 issue. Mrs. Arthur Badenoch, wife of the famed Inglewood High School coach, did the sports page second-guessing. Others on the editorial staff were Mrs. Paul Ratliff, city editor, and Mrs. Clyde Woodworth, society editor. The business end of the paper—this was a club money-making stunt, remember—was handled by Mrs. George M. Green, advertising manager, and Miss Pauline Farmer, business manager.

Mrs. Elmer Perry was a special writer on American Legion affairs, while Mrs. Lloyd Parke Hamilton and Mrs. Fred Eggert Laxdal swelled sales with their respective columns of "advice" to husbands and the lovelorn.

## Pioneers' Picnic

An outstanding Inglewood social event of the past two years has been a picnic for pioneers of 25 years or more residence in this city, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Invited also were Inglewood residents of that period who have since moved. More than 500 pioneers attended the 1947 event, while less than 100 fewer picnickers turned out for the 1948 celebration.

County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby was master of ceremonies of the first picnic program, which highlighted a gala day at which the pioneers of 1947 were guests that morning at the cornerstone laying of the new \$30,000 Chamber of Commerce building. Mayor E. S. Dixon welcomed the guests and City Attorney Clyde Woodworth, eloquent Inglewood native son, presented



#### EARLY DAY SCENES

Upper left: Firing Squad, left to right: H. J. Anderson, Bill Hall, Bill Naismith, Charles Mehegan (or Jim Farley) Ansil Calkins and Fred Fehrensens.

Upper right: Fourth of July parade about 1908, looking east on Regent Street. Left to right, mounted, Andrew Bennett, John Aerick and Edna Bennett.

Lower left: First motorized fire truck still in service as reserve equipment. Taken before old I.F.D. Headquarters was enlarged and remodelled.

Lower right: Sunday excursion on Venice Short Line in early 90s. Picnic lunch served aboard train.



members of the first graduating class of Inglewood High School of which he was one. Among the '09 I.H.S. graduates he welcomed were City Treasurer Eula Amick Spaulding, Police Court Clerk Bessie Ramsdell, Genevieve Cumberland, Alice Johnston, Eleanor Nahlinger and Jessie Young.

#### POLICEMAN COPS PRIZE

Charles Mehegan, former Inglewood police officer who came here in 1876 at the age of 2 years, was awarded a prize for having been a local citizen for the longest period. Tom Bennett, born in Inglewood in 1881, won a prize as the oldest native son. Mr. and Mrs. James P. Hansen, who were married in Inglewood in 1899, received the prize for this city's bridal couple who had lived here longest.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson won the same award at the 1948 picnic at which Supervisor Darby was principal speaker. Postmaster Thomas E. Trulove headed the committee which arranged the 1948 picnic, of which George C. Malloy was master of ceremonies. Mayor Dixon again welcomed the pioneers and Judge Newcomb Condee responded. Mrs. Hansen, who came to Inglewood in 1888, the year the city was surveyed and laid out, received the prize for being the oldest continuous resident, while Ernest Ybarra, born here in 1896, was honored as Inglewood's eldest native son.

#### SOME REAL OLD-TIMERS

Of the 439 pioneers attending the 1948 picnic, eight were here before 1893 and ten came to Inglewood in the decade between 1893 and 1903. One hundred six of the picnickers came here in 1903 or 1904, while 280 moved to Inglewood in the nine years between 1913 and 1922.

Hosts for the 1948 picnic included Barbara Bashor, Hartie Clark, Mrs. Lenore Eberle, Mrs. Nancy Kimball, Mrs. Clarissa Mosher, Mrs. Cora Myer, Mrs. Georgia Rice, Mrs. Mabel Shaw, Mrs. Eula Amick Spaulding, Catherine Lindburg, Mrs. Grace Condee, Mrs. Winona Quanstrom, Mrs. Maude Knudson, Mrs. Bessie Ramsdell, Connie Loomis, Vera Warnell, R. D. Aylsworth, R. Leonard Bush, Lyman Calkins, E. D. Cutler, J. A. Danielson, Mayor Dixon, George C. England, George M. Green, Sam M. Greene, Warriner L. Hadley, Bill Kempen, James Kew, Leon Kepford, George C. Malloy, Carl Matson, Leonard Matson, Percy Moore, Clarence Schouboe, Carl P. Sheddan, Frank Shipper, Giles Stevens, Trulove, Sanford M. Anderson, Paul V. Greene, Mrs. Elmer L. and Eva Winey, and Johnson Emerson.

#### PIONEERS LISTED

Through the courtesy of La Tijera Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, we are printing a list of the 1947 picnickers, compiled from

cards sent in to the Chamber of Commerce, together with the year in which they moved to Inglewood. (Where two dates appear with the names of a married couple, the first designates the year the husband arrived here and the second, that of the wife. A date followed by the designation, B, means that the pioneer was born here.—Eds.)

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ahlf, 1921, 1920; Ann T. (Mrs. D. P.) Allen, 1911; Sanford M. Anderson, 1909; Percy W. Andrew, 1912; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Aylsworth, 1911; J. H. Atkins and J. P. Atkins, 1906; Thelma M. Babcock, 1921; Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Ballard, 1920; Gladys Barnikel, 1911; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bashor (Barbara Stoner), 1907; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Baum and Miss Jennie Baum, 1902; Mary H. Baxter, 1919;

Mrs. Minnie Beardsley, 1913; Mrs. Ida F. Beegle, 1918; Sidney Beer, 1921; James Boyd Bell, 1921; Mrs. Mary Bell, 1922; Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bell, 1915; Mrs. Virginia E. Bell, 1913-B; Mrs. Netta E. Bell, 1921; Mrs. Alice Metcalfe Bennett, 1921; Mrs. Bertha Bennett, 1918; Marcus C. Bennett, 1906; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bennett, 1881; Oliver O. Berrey, 1917; Miss Eva Bingham, 1920; Mrs. Celeste F. Bolton, 1909;

#### ADDITIONAL NAMES

Johnny R. Bondy, Jr., 1921; Mrs. Alberta Boort, 1914; Mrs. Belle Bougher, 1920; Mrs. Effie L. Bowden, 1919; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Bowman, 1922; Mrs. Percy Bowman, 1919; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Boyes, 1922; Alice Brooks, 1920; Mary N. Brown, 1920; Willard E. Burch, 1921; the late David Bulloch, 1923; Mrs. Lois Campbell Burmester, 1911; James A. Byers, 1911; August E. Caerbert, 1905; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Calkins, 1893; Mrs. Ardelle B. Calkins, 1892; Ava L. Calkins, 1899; Lyman O. Calkins, 1889; Eleanor Calvert, 1909; Julia Calvert, 1905; Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Campbell, 1911; Oscar E. Campbell, 1911; Robert Cappa, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Carboni, 1920; Clifford Carter, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Casiday, 1920; Mrs. P. J. Catterlin, 1921; Pliny D. Caulkins, 1910; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Chamberlain, 1907; Fred Chatburn, 1920; Mrs. Mabel Chatburn, 1920; Mrs. Hazelglenn Cherry, 1894; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chiles, 1921; Frank H. Christy, 1909;

Miss Hattie L. Clark, 1910; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Clough, 1903; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Coburn, 1921; Marie Coe, date omitted; J. W. Colburn, 1918; C. E. Cole, 1919; Mrs. Newcomb Condee (Grace Lawrence), 1912; Judge Newcomb Condee, date omitted; Mrs. Wynn Conrad, 1920; Mrs. Arthur Cozens, 1919; Clara Craft, 1918; Fred C. Cratz, 1917; Mrs. M. W. Crawford, date omitted; Ethel V. Croft, 1916; Gene Crowley, date omitted; Dick Curry, 1921; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cutbirth, 1919; E. D. Cutler, date omitted;

## STILL OTHERS NAMED

Ryan K. Daggett, 1917; Gladys Dawson, 1912; Rosa Dawson, 1912; Mrs. Louis W. DeYoung, 1913; Mr. and Mrs. John Duim, 1915; E. S. Dixon, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Donaldson, 1920; Mary K. Donley, 1912; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Donnel, 1918; Mrs. Delia J. Dyer, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dyson, 1917, 1913; Mrs. Lenore Campbell Eberle, 1916-B; Mary A. Eckles, 1921; Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Eddingfield, 1922; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Edmundson, 1910; Mr. and Mrs. LeMoyne Ellis and Grace Ellis, 1909; Elizabeth A. Ely, 1910; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Emery, 1913; Mr. and Mrs. George C. England, 1911;

Mrs. L. John Erickson, 1910; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Erickson, 1914; Mrs. John Escallier, 1913; Mrs. Lora C. Fallis, 1919; George Ferrier, date omitted; Lester D. Ferrier, 1920; Mrs. and Miss (Christian names omitted) Fitzpatrick, 1922; Mrs. Rena Fleming, 1910; Mr. and Mrs. Dwight H. Fobes (Bess Gardner), 1922, 1912; Sophia Francies, 1915; Mrs. M. Francies, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frommer, 1921; Milt Frugeli, 1922; Mrs. A. C. Gahlbeck, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Garrick, 1920; Dr. and Mrs. J. Frank Garrison, 1919; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gieszl, 1921, 1922; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Giles, 1918; Herbert Gemmil, date omitted; Ethel Goldschmidt, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. George M. Green, 1913;

Sam M. Greene, 1912; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greene, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Grant, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Griffith, 1895, 1897; Carl W. Griffith, 1900-B; Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Grouell, 1920; Mrs. E. T. Guseman, 1911; Mrs. Laura K. Haas, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Haener, 1921; Robert Haenggi, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. Warriner Hadley, 1919; Oliver E. Hadley, 1921-B; Mrs. Daisy Bingham Hall, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Hamilton, 1923; Mrs. Lillian C. Hammons, 1919; Mrs. Eleanor Hanes, 1920; Mrs. Harry C. Hank, 1913-B; Mr. and Mrs. James P. Hansen, 1888;

## AMONG OTHER PIONEERS

Mrs. Luella Hart Harris, 1912; Mr. and Mrs. Harden Hart, 1911; Mrs. Charlotte Harvey, 1922; Kate Hatcher, 1917; Mrs. L. C. Heaton, 1918; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur V. Hembacher, 1915; Mr. and Mrs. Russell V. Henkle, 1911; Rex Henkle, 1911; Mr. and Mrs. John Herdman, 1920; William Hessick, 1911; Roy Hill, date omitted; Mrs. John Hinson, 1921; Mrs. Roy Hodge, 1917; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holland, 1909; Mrs. Bertha G. Hollister, 1913; Milton P. Holman, 1908; Mrs. P. A. Honeywell, 1913; George A. Hough, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Hubbard, 1922;

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes, 1909, 1912; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hurlbert, 1915; Mr. and Mrs. Homer O. Huston, 1912; Mrs. Joan Jackson, 1921;

Charles C. Jacobs, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Jacobsen, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jenkins, date omitted; Mrs. Esther Jensen, 1920; Mrs. Hubert Jensen, 1922; Mrs. T. Jensen, 1918; Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Johanet, 1908; Mrs. H. F. John, date omitted; Gertie Johnson, 1918; Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Joice, 1891; Fred P. Kainz, 1922; Leo Karnow, 1925; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Kellett, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. Laurence E. Kellett, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. E. Leonard Kelley, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. William Kempen, 1920; Leon J. Kepford, 1915; R. J. Kepford, date omitted; Evelyn Kerr, 1917; James H. Kew, 1899; Edna May Kiefer, 1914-B; Jeanette B. Kincaid, 1910; Mr. and Mrs. Earl King, 1922; Mrs. Nancy Kimball, 1919; Mrs. Bernard E. Kissam, 1922; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klein, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kloenhammer, 1919; Mrs. Maude E. Knudson, 1919; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kuhlmann, 1922; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kuhlmann, 1922;

Mrs. Maude L. Lake, 1920; Miss Olive M. Lake, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. Nicasio Latasa, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Lawrence, 1921; Mrs. Doras Lawrence, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lawrence, date omitted; Marie Laurence, 1912; Garfield J. Leftwich, 1893; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lehr, 1921; Nina J. Leonard, 1910; Mr. and Mrs. George F. Lepper, 1922; Mrs. Al Levin, 1911; Mr. and Mrs. Donald L'Heureux, 1919, 1912; Kathryne Lindburg, 1906; Mrs. Elizabeth McCash, 1905; Mr. and Mrs. George W. McCay, 1920; Sally and Helen McDonald, 1921; Mrs. A. J. McFadden (Anna Kelso), 1889; Mary Anderson McKernan, 1915; Mr. and Mrs. William A. Maguire, 1914; Charles A. Mehegen, 1876; Mr. and Mrs. George C. Malloy, 1913; V. Maris, date omitted;

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Mrs. Margaret M. Marshall, 1922; Alice Massbrook, 1923; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Maspere, 1909; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Matson, 1904; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maughan, 1921; Mrs. Agnes Merryman, 1921; C. C. Metcalf, 1908; Mr. and Mrs. August E. Meyers, 1921; Edna Marrs, 1900; Mrs. "Bud" Mispagel (Marjorie Thornton), 1921; Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Miller, 1915; Mr. and Mrs. R. Earl Miller, 1909; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, 1910; Mrs. Winifred Calkins Mock, 1907; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moore, 1921; Mr. and Mrs. Percy B. Moore, 1910; Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Morris, 1922; Mrs. Clarissa Mosher, date omitted; Max H. Mueller, 1917; Mr. and Mrs. Don Munger, 1921; Mrs. Cora A. Myer, 1910; John Nageleisen, 1921; Mr. and Mrs. William Nageleisen, 1922; Mr. and Mrs. William Naismith, 1915; Mr. and Mrs. Vernet Nelson, 1910; Bacie Nobeild, 1920; Mrs. Iva Jones Noble, 1920; Andrew Nyman, 1922; Truman Oestrich, 1917; Mrs. Evalyn M. Oestrich, 1907; Mrs. Herman Oestreich, 1900; Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Ogram, 1909; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Oliver, 1920;

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Padgett, 1921; Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Pardee, 1916; Pete Pasquale, 1913; Mrs. Viola Sellers Paul, 1918; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Payne (Beulah Todd), 1921, 1912; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Pelphrey, 1920; Mabel Grace Pelton, 1922; Mrs. A. Peters, 1919; Mrs. Anna Peters, 1921; Helen E. Poe, 1922; Mrs. Ina B. Polick, 1918; Dorothy Porter, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Proctor, 1913; Mrs. Roy Quanstrom, 1912; Mrs. Ellen S. Radcliffe, date omitted; Bessie M. Ramsdell, 1908; Mrs. Helen Campbell Raymond, 1911; Mrs. Bud Reesor, date omitted; Mrs. Grace Reid, 1911; Mrs. Floyd Rice (Georgia Easton), date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Richardson, 1922;

## PICNICKERS CONTINUED

Mrs. Minnie Robertson, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, 1919; Harry G. Rolph, 1922; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Runswick, 1914; Mrs. George Ruse, date omitted; Mrs. Helen L. Ruse, 1920; Robert Ruse, date omitted; Barbara Sahlstrom, 1922-B; Mrs. Grace Scarisbruk, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schouboe, 1920; Mrs. Frances Schwank, date omitted; Evelyn Sharp, date omitted; Mrs. Mabel A. Shaw, 1915; Carl P. Sheddan, 1917; Dr. and Mrs. Russell E. Sheets, 1920, 1915; Frank Shipper, 1910-B; John J. Sieberg, 1921; Pearl Siemsen, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sleva, 1919; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, 1920; Laurielle M. Smith, 1915; Russell A. Smith, 1919; Howard A. Smythe, 1922; Larry M. Smythe, 1922; Mrs. Eula Spaulding, date omitted; Mrs. Nettie Spaulding, 1899; Clint Spaulding, date omitted; Clair Spaulding, date omitted; Barbara Padgett Songer, 1921; R. Sonnleitner, 1921; Sam Sonnleitner, date omitted; Mrs. Lillian Soreem, 1905; Mrs. Della Steadman, 1887; Mrs. F. Steeneken, 1920; Alice Condee Steele, 1922; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Stevens, 1901, 1890; Helen Stevenson, 1907; Theodore Stohr, 1924; Sina Stickney, 1921;

Maggie Stinebaugh, 1915; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stoops, date omitted; Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Strohmeyer, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sunderlin, 1917; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Surdez, 1915; Evelyn Sharp, 1918; Helen Anderson Taylor, 1915; Mrs. Edna E. Thompson, 1910-B; Herbert B. Thompson, 1918; Mabel A. Thompson, 1918; Mrs. Winona K. Thompson, 1922; William H. Todd, 1914; Mrs. J. T. Thornton, 1920; Mrs. Tillie Tomes and Evelyn Tomes, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Topjian, 1921; Mrs. Emma H. Trivess, 1921; Tom Trulove, 1910; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Turner, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Tuthill, 1920;

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Uhlyk, 1910; Mrs. Frieda Ulm and Miss Florence Ulm, 1916; Mrs. E. M. Umbarger, date omitted; Dr. and Mrs. J. Burton Van Gelder, 1907; Mrs. Beele Vaughan, 1914; Augusta Van Fleet, 1912; Clelia Verga, 1920; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Veverka, 1922; Mrs. Allen Voght, 1922;

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Vorhees, 1914; Mrs. Gladys Waddingham, 1922; Bessie Waite, date omitted; Lavina Warren, 1921; Mrs. Iona Watt, 1922;

E. E. Webster, 1891; Mr. and Mrs. (Christian name not given) Weikal, 1922; George R. Westlake, 1910; Mrs. Catherine White, 1910; Mrs. Edith Davies White, 1905; E. B. Whitehead, date omitted; Mrs. Irene Wilson, 1921; Marguerite G. Wilson, 1912; Drs. Elmer and Eva Winey, 1922; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woerner, 1910, 1917; Mrs. Hilda Woodfin, 1921; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woodworth, date omitted; Margaret W. Wright, 1912; Mrs. Elizabeth Young and Miss Bernice Young, 1919; Mr. and Mrs. George O. Younge, 1920; Mrs. Vera Bennett Warnell, 1901; Sylvan Ybarra, date omitted; Frank A. Zillgitt, 1901; Mr. and Mrs. Lester B. Zillgitt, 1901; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Zillgitt, 1901. Robert Haenggi and Louis B. Hardin, Jr., successively headed the pioneer group that picnicked in the park in prewar years.

### **I.H.S. Invitational Golf Tournament**

The first Inglewood High School Invitational golf, driving and putting tournament was held on the afternoon of April 27, 1937, at Inglewood Country Club with only Bay League schools participating. The five schools cooperating in staging the Bay League Driving and Putting contest, as it was originally called, were: Beverly Hills, Inglewood, Redondo, Santa Monica and Leuzinger. In 1940 all high school members of the California Interscholastic Federation were invited to participate in the tournament on an entry limit basis. As far as is known, the contest was the first interscholastic driving and putting contest held in Southern California.

The first tournament utilized merchandise for prizes that had been donated by members of the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce. Later medals were used and in 1940, cups were adopted as the official award for place winners. In 1936, a special tournament medal was adopted and is now used in all events with the gold medals for the four first place winners being imprinted on a loving cup.

### **WAR RESTRICTIONS**

The war years brought many civilian restrictions and necessarily caused some lessening in the number of participants. However, the tournament did continue through the war and present interest in the tournament is approaching a pre-war high when 31 schools participated.

The Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the tournament throughout its running and has considered it a major youth welfare project. The publicity released from Junior Chamber of Commerce sources to

newspapers and other channels has been a big reason for interest developing among prep school golfers.

On June 10, 1944, the tournament was cited by the Helms Athletic Foundation for "contribution to prep school sports." The plaque, emblematic of the citation, was formally presented to Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce and Inglewood High School at a sportsmen's dinner, September 13, 1944, and now rests in the Athletic Hall of Fame. Coach Dean Cromwell of the University of Southern California was the speaker of the evening and Bill Schroder of Helms Athletic Foundation made the formal presentation.

Many past champions and participants of the Inglewood Invitational have established themselves as outstanding inter-collegiate and amateur players among current golfers.

#### INGLEWOOD WINNERS LISTED

Local winners have been Charles Anderson, Edward Poppe, Jack McClain, Louis Weinberger and Roger Barker. Poppe won in both 1939 and 1941 for driving for accuracy and also took the eighteen-hole medal contest in the latter year. Anderson won in this last classification in 1939, while two years earlier, McClain played thirty-six holes in the putting contest for a score of 67. Weinberger won the accuracy contest in 1944 and Barker made the longest drive in 1946, 228 yards.

Record-holders in three classifications are Charles Hunt, South Pasadena, medal contest with score of 68; Harold Ivey of Pomona, with 65 in the putting contest; and Paul Carter, Los Angeles High School, longest drive with 257 yards.

The tournament idea was conceived by William J. Worthington, now its manager, when he was president of the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce. The events are held at the Inglewood Country Club. Arthur H. Badenoch, retiring at the close of the 1949 school year as head of the Department of Physical Education of the host school, was highly in favor of this annual event.

### **Philatelists' Pride**

The first annual stamp exhibition of the Inglewood Philatelic Club was held in November of 1947 at the Veterans' Memorial Building in Centinela Park.

## **Songbirds Score**

The twelfth annual show of the Centinela Valley Canary Club, to which Inglewood was host in 1947, was said to have been the largest ever held in the United States. Three hundred and fifty-eight pedigreed birds were exhibited.

## **International Meet Here**

The International Blind Men's Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Lions International, was played on the Inglewood Country Club course March 5, 6 and 7, 1948.

## **Inglewood Masonic Beefsteak Feed**

According to old-timers in Inglewood Lodge, F. & A. M., Fred R. Pardee was the one who got the brilliant idea, back in 1926, when he was inspector of the 88th Masonic District, of staging a beefsteak feed. The inspiration dawned on him, as they recall it, only about three weeks before the first of these notable annual events. But Pardee, Tom Bennett, who was the lodge Worshipful Master at the time, and a quintet of chief cooks, had the feed off to a grand start by the appointed time.

Chefs of that feed and for many of the subsequent ones were Bill Hall, Walter Ulm, Clint Spaulding, Hugo Koopman, Hank Ratekin and Pardee. Lou Irvine was the general chairman for many years and still is. Bob Wesch built the big 3 x 12-foot grill in Grevillea Park which is still in existence and which for years was used in preparing the big service club luncheons during Centinela Days.

Until 1935, when the Masonic Temple was dedicated, the beefsteak feeds were held in the park between the Library and the band shell that subsequently was turned into a recruiting station during World War II.

### **OTHERS RESPONSIBLE**

Another past Worshipful Master, Carl Matson, gave the gas stoves used for making the coffee. Ernie P. Miller has for years been relied upon to provide those prime steaks so deliciously tender that even the most wobbly dentures, it is assured, can masticate them. I. E. (Bart) Bartlett has been a prime factor in preparing the feast.

About 400 members of the Masonic orders attended the first feed. Of recent years, the figure has been around the 1,000 mark and many had to be

turned away. Many past and then current Grand Worshipful Masters of California have attended. Sheriff Gene Biscailuz has missed only twice and County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby seldom if ever. County Assessor John B. Quinn is another familiar figure in the throng, as is also Earl Warren, now governor of California.

## **California International Flower Show**

Largest ever held in the west—and scheduled before the fire as the “first annual”—was the California International Flower Show held March 26 to April 3, 1948, at the Hollywood Park Clubhouse here.

County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, who opened the event for which flowers were flown here from many lands, said in accepting a floral key, “This floral key symbolizes the fact that flowers are the key to the hearts of all mankind. In their beautiful universal language, flowers remind us that the people of all nations have many bonds in common.”

### **GOVERNOR WIRES GREETINGS**

Governor Earl Warren sent greetings to the event which attracted thousands of visitors daily. The three-acre display was sponsored by the Southern California Horticultural Institute and the Southern California Floral Association.

A local man, Darrell Mitchell, who was chairman of the retail florists committee of the show, had the feature garden of the display. A sunken garden, it was designed and decorated by the Inglewood man. Tropical foliage and flowers and a 25-foot waterfall were features of the 150 x 40-foot garden. Mrs. R. B. Harrington and Mrs. John (Olive) Dull were other Inglewood residents on the committee in charge.

## **Other Flower Shows**

The Centinela Garden Club staged its fifteenth annual flower show in June of 1948. Slightly older is the annual show sponsored by the Inglewood Floral and Dahlia Society which held its eighteenth annual display in August of 1949, where both the Centinela Garden Club and the Inglewood branch of the American Begonia Society took prizes. Both events are held in the Inglewood High School gymnasium and the latter attracted 8,000 visitors.

Stanley Spaulding was one of the early-day managers of some of the largest and most successful of the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society shows, one of which was held at Hollywood Park, according to Harry Marshal, president.

## **Musical Arts Season**

The Inglewood Musical Arts Society has announced plans for its second season to begin October 17, 1949, after a successful series of concerts in 1948 at the Inglewood Woman's Clubhouse. Mrs. Emerson Dawson is president of the group.

Scheduled for the second season have been:

October 17—Homer Simmons, pianist.

November 14—Richard Bevers, baritone and former MGM star; and Harry Kellar, one of the finest clarinet players in America.

December 12—A trio composed of George Scharl, piano; Frances Forster, violin; and Dortha Matson, cello. An added feature will be Janice Moudry, contralto, in a program of Christmas music.

January 16—Ruth St. Denis, one of America's great dancers.

February 13—Austin Faricy, an outstanding artist on the harpsichord; and Margaret Richards, an Inglewood contralto known for her fine singing.

March 13—Werner Gebauer, internationally known violinist.

April 17—Young artists concert program to be arranged.

May 15—An evening of opera featuring Beth Farnam.

## **High School Business Day**

May 13, 1949, five hundred junior and senior commercial students enrolled at Inglewood and Leuzinger high schools were placed in business locations throughout Centinela Valley in the fourth annual experiment in public relations of this nature.

So popular have these annual Students' Business Day become that this year there were more requests for the high school-trained boys and girls than there were pupils available.

## **Huck Finn Days**

Tom Sawyer, himself, for all his fame at getting fences whitewashed, never proved himself a better work-expediter than the City Recreation Department and the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce moguls who jointly sponsor Huck Finn Day.

The State Fisheries for the past two years have annually stocked the Centinela Park pool so that all Inglewood youngsters have to do is to get themselves up in Huck Finn style, put a worm on a hook and pull out prize-

winning beauties. Also there are prizes for the most Huck-Finnish costumes.

The third annual staging of this event was successfully conducted in August of 1949.

## **Junior Bicycle Drill Corps**

Until June of 1945 when war-born shortages made tire and parts replacements impossible, the Inglewood Junior Police Bicycle Drill Team represented this city on more than 200 public appearances at parades and shows and nearly 600 local youngsters, between 10 and 16 years of age, were at one time or another on its membership rolls.

The boys team was organized August 26, 1938, on Crozier Intermediate School grounds under the co-direction of Dr. L. A. Van Ostrom and Mrs. Ethel M. Upleger (lovingly known as "Aunt Ethel" to the youngsters), both to provide healthful recreation for the youngsters and to teach them bicycle riding safety rules.

Starting with 25 boys, the corps soon grew to nearly 60 and its name was sanctioned by the Inglewood Police Department. The corps met twice weekly, once for drill practice and again for safety instruction based on the California Vehicle Code.

### **FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

First public appearance of the corps was in the American Legion national convention parade in Los Angeles in September of 1938. The boys furnished their own white duck uniforms. The following autumn, they sponsored a dinner dance at the Veterans' Memorial Building to finance the purchase of new maroon and white gabardine uniforms.

After many requests from girls, a feminine corps was organized, April 4, 1940, with 41 members. They also soon procured their maroon and white uniforms by raising money in paper drives, penny-a-meal banks, home-made candy and food sales, dances, etc.

### **SIZE LIMITED**

The corps, which until this time had been working without sponsorship, was limited to 100 members, equally divided between girls and boys, and the Inglewood Optimist Club, of which Dr. Van Ostrom is a member, took the youngsters under its wing. At the same time, the name was changed to the Inglewood Junior Optimist Police Bicycle Drill Team.

For its numerous appearances throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties, the corp received many trophies, ribbons and citations for spectacular

performances. Its picture was syndicated by International News as the first uniformed bicycle drill team in the world.

Requests on organization and operation procedure poured in to the directors from school boards, chambers of commerce and safety organizations in a dozen cities in five states and from Windsor, Ontario.

#### WAR SERVICE

During World War II, the corps was active in the Civilian Defense program, its members acting as mounted messengers and becoming proficient at first aid techniques. More than 200 former members of the corps served in the armed services.

### **American Legion Civic Awards**

Annually on Armistice Day, from 1927 except for the "duration," Inglewood Post 188, American Legion, has been host to one of this city's outstanding social events when it announced its coveted civic award at a gala dinner party.

The initial civic award dinner was staged at the old Chamber of Commerce building during the regime of Legionnaire LeRoy Dixon, commander. J. Warren Lane was recipient of the first award and was named "outstanding citizen of the year."

The same honor has gone through the succeeding years to A. E. Chamberlain, Signe Anderson, Wilson E. Carter, Mrs. Edward Campbell, B. K. Richardson, Jeanette Kincaid, Jess J. Klein, Roy Rosenberg, Homer W. Lewis, Margaret Sunday, Mrs. Laura Fehrensens, E. S. Dixon, Mrs. Grace Freeman Howland, Clifford G. Kreutz, Rose Tiberio, Morrie Johnson and Leonard E. Matson.

A similar distinguished citizenship award was presented by the American Legion to Lloyd P. Hamilton at a community dinner shortly after his retirement in 1947 during Paul V. Greene's presidency of the Chamber.

### **Inglewood Boys Band**

For years one of Inglewood's best advertising and cultural attractions was its Boys Band, founded in 1929—four years after the chartering of the Kiwanis Club, which, with the city, sponsored the youthful musicians.

Wilson E. Carter was assigned by the club to organize and manage the band and he held the post until the pressures of war in 1942 caused it to disband. Lloyd Todd was the original director, followed after about two years by

the late Herbert K. Smith. Still later, Horace Metcalf, director of instrumental music at Inglewood High School, directed the band.

#### MEMBERSHIP ABOUT 45

Membership in the aggregation averaged 45, and 50 members was the peak. Most of the boys owned their own instruments, although some of the bass drums and larger instruments were purchased for them by the Kiwanis Club. The Club, the city and the Chamber of Commerce together furnished the uniforms.

In 1930, the band travelled by bus to the Kiwanis district convention in Oakland, and in San Diego the band also played at the Exposition. Other trips were made to the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona and to Riverside, while the band made numerous appearances in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.

The group was the official band for Washington and Ohio State Universities in Coliseum games, when Carter, by letter, persuaded them that the schools would be better and more cheaply represented by the Inglewood aggregation than if they transported their own musicians. For such occasions, the boys studied in advance the school songs which they played with such pep and abandon, and which had been forwarded by the respective universities.

### **Art-Craft Exhibit**

The Adult Education Division of the Centinela Valley Union High School District annually stages an exhibit of the arts and crafts work of its students. In 1948, the show attracted 5000 persons from throughout Southern California for a one day and evening exhibit, causing the 1949 showing to be staged two days.

Included in the exhibit are art, textile painting, ceramics, clay modeling, flower arrangement, gardening, knitting and crocheting, lamps, leather work, millinery, dressmaking, rugmaking, photography, plastics, weaving, wood-working and other arts and crafts.

### **Elks Field Day**

Highlight of the first annual Elks Field and Track Meet at Sentinel Field, staged early this June, was presentation of a clock-radio to Arthur M. Badenoch, who has just retired as coach after 35 years here.

Alex D. Aloia of the City Park-Recreation Department, representing his group and the Inglewood Elks, made the presentation.

## **U. S. Junior Chamber Award**

Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award for the most outstanding young man in the community is an annual custom sponsored by the Inglewood Junior Chamber. The award comes from the United States Junior Chamber.

First award here was made to Sid Excell, charter president of the group, in 1936. Clifford G. Kreutz was the second on whom the award was bestowed. Others in their order were: Joseph Benicke, Shelly D. (Sally) Baird, Ray Fletcher, Ray Goates, Ralph V. Scott and Morrie Johnson, the latter the 1948 selection.

## **Judges' Breakfast**

Judge Newcomb Condee is generally credited with being the father of the idea that resulted in establishment of the annual Judges' Breakfast at Potrero House, one of the outstanding events of spring in these parts.

The 1949 event was the 22nd of these festive affairs which began during Judge Condee's administration as president of the then Inglewood Bar Association (which now includes all the attorneys in the eight incorporated cities in the Township and is called the Inglewood-South Bay Bar Association).

## **Memorial Day Services**

Inglewood Park Cemetery was host to more than 100,000 persons at the 25th annual Memorial Day services in 1949. A block-long parade of patriotic organizations launched the Memorial Day tributes, honoring the dead of World Wars I and II.

In addition to these county-wide rites, Inglewood veterans' organizations also marched into the cemetery and also conducted services at the Veterans' Memorial in Grevillea Park.

## **Inter-Service Club Night**

In 1946, Clifford G. Kreutz, then president of the Rotary Club, introduced a pleasant custom based upon an idea originated 24 years earlier by the New York chapter of that international service organization. That was Inter-Service Club Night.

All of the men's service clubs—and the Soroptimists for the past two

years—join in making a success of the evenings. Hosts over the three years have been Rotary, Lions and Optimist, respectively.

Held at Inglewood High School, the event happens to fall during, but is not a part of, Education Week. This is a happy coincidence since the idea originated as a part of Boys' Week, later called Boys' and Girls' Week and now known as Youth Week.

## **Chapter XIII**

### **SERVICE CLUBS**

#### **Several Active for Quarter-Century**

Service clubs and service organizations have played an important role in the development of Inglewood, especially during the past quarter century.

#### **Chamber of Commerce**

In its own new building at 330 East Queen Street since February 26, 1949, the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce has continued its business leadership since the war.

Edwin W. Dean is 1949 president of this civic body. On his board are W. B. Stoner, first vice-president; Floyd Matson, second vice-president; Carl Nelson, treasurer; Frank H. Afton, Harry Van Beaver, W. I. Buffington, Tony Hayes, Sam T. Hill, A. Fred Krause, Roland E. Robbins, Vernon P. Spencer, Harry E. Welsh, L. Melvin Zillgitt; Coral Ward, representing the North Inglewood section; E. P. Minner and H. A. Wight, representing the Morningside Park section; John J. Knezevich, director at large; Ralph V. Scott, Junior Chamber of Commerce president; and B. L. Hamburger, IRMA president, all directors.

#### **INCREASE PROPOSAL**

Proposed to take effect in 1950 has been a by-law change which would increase the number of directors from 20 to 26.

Under the existing by-laws, 15 directors are elected by secret ballot of the membership and five additional directors are appointed by the board with three of the five appointments mandatory including the presidents of the Junior Chamber, Retail Merchants Association and Morningside Section.

The proposed board would consist of the 15 directors to be elected by secret ballot; the three presidents above, the immediate past president of the Chamber, a director to be elected by the membership of the Morningside sec-

tion, and five directors to be appointed by the board by a two-thirds vote.

The reason for the change in the by-laws is to insure all sections of the city having representation on the board, for actually under the present situation the board has only two vacancies to fill by appointment, as three of the existing five are mandatory appointments.

The provision limiting membership on the board by election to three consecutive terms was continued with the existing proviso that a year must elapse before being again eligible for election.

#### NEW BUILDING

The modern steel and concrete Chamber of Commerce Building at 330 East Queen Street was planned while Jack R. Williams was president. Jerrold A. Stern offered to raise the money for the project. By 1945, the necessary funds had been collected, but prices had increased so much that it was necessary to raise the budget sharply. Nevertheless, the new offices, constructed at a cost of \$30,000 for land and building, were dedicated debt free.

The modern structure consists of a spacious manager's office, a large reception room and a storeroom in the rear. The building covers 2130 square feet with 150 square feet remaining in back of the building on which a directors' room can be added if needed.

Sam T. Hill, E. E. Phillips and E. O. Berry were members of the executive committee in charge of the building plans.

Inglewood's businessmen and civic leaders turned out en masse for the dedication with Williams as master of ceremonies. He introduced Mayor E. S. Dixon, Supervisor Raymond V. Darby and Stern, who made brief addresses. Walter E. Keefe, immediate past-president, presented the key to the new building to Dean, who made the dedication address as current president. Dean presented the shovel used to break ground to Keefe, who in turn cut a wide satin ribbon strung across the entrance. Williams then officially turned over the building to Mrs. Dorothy A. Dye, Chamber manager.

#### RECENT LEADERS

On Keefe's 1948 staff were Tony Hayes, first vice-president; L. E. Brizzolara, second vice-president; Frank H. Afton, W. I. Buffington, Dean, Paul V. Greene, Hayes, Hill, Keefe, Krause, Knezevich, Floyd Matson, Nelson, Robbins, Scott, Spencer, Stoner, Jay Tudor, Wight, Hugh K. Wright and L. Melvin Zillgitt.

Keefe's 1947 predecessor was Paul V. Greene, while Leonard Matson headed the Chamber board of directors in 1946.

## **Junior Chamber of Commerce**

Through the years the habit of calling the Chamber of Commerce the "Senior" Chamber of Commerce, as if it were the parent of the Junior Chamber, has given rise to some interesting misunderstandings.

In the earlier 1930's, when the two Chambers "agreed to disagree" about some civic matters, many persons thought it was just a case of the old man and the offspring squabbling it out.

### **DIFFERENT PURPOSES**

Such was not the case, however. The two organizations were founded for entirely different purposes. The objects of the Chamber are to promote the interests of the city, promote public welfare, extend and promote trade and commerce, to create and maintain mutual fellowship, and to cooperate with all civic bodies.

Junior Chamber was founded primarily for the development of leadership and abilities in young men, and while doing that to help develop the resources of city, state, and nation; it was not primarily a trade group, and was not an offshoot of the Chamber of Commerce.

### **CLOSE COOPERATION**

More remarkable in the light of this has been the close cooperation between the two groups. In 1938 the Chamber amended its by-laws to automatically make the Junior Chamber president a member of the board of directors of the Chamber. The Junior Chamber named certain Chamber leaders as honorary members, and later provided for a Chamber member to sit with them as coordinator between the groups.

The Chamber budget frequently has contained a goodly item to defray some Junior Chamber expense, and the Junior group has often supplied manpower to carry out some project of the Chamber.

The Chamber furthermore extends an invitation to all Junior Chamber members passing the age of 35 to join the Chamber, without dues for one year.

Sid Excell was charter president of the Inglewood Junior Chamber, which now is headed by Paul White. Other presidents have been Clifford G. Kreutz, Floyd Ashbaugh, William J. Worthington, Shelly D. (Sally) Baird, Pete Norton, Emerson Mozart Johnson, Charles Karnow, Walter Erasmus Haskell, Kenneth H. Hurlbert, Francis Morton, Bill Goatham, Charles Fitzgerald and Ralph V. Scott.

## NOVEL TRIBUTE

For the 15 members of the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce in uniform during the second world war, a novel rite was conducted during the 1944 administration of President Walter E. Haskell.

A hatrack was installed at its meeting place, on which was placed a service flag, bearing a star for each of these men in the armed services. And on the rack was placed the hats of these men, to await their regaining them after they doffed the uniform for civilian clothes. This touching and unusual tribute was accorded wide publicity due to its unique idea. Mrs. Rose Beeler, wife of one of the service men, was called upon to place the civilian headgear on the hatrack.

**Inglewood Rotary Club**

Early in 1922, Sam Greene met his old friend, Crombie Allen, who was at that time president of the Ontario Rotary Club. Crombie sold Sam on the Rotary idea. Sam imparted his knowledge to W. W. (Bill) Hodgkins, who soon had occasion to visit Ontario and met Allen.

These two called Judge Frank D. Parent, George C. Malloy, Clyde Woodworth and W. George Brown to meet with them, and it was agreed that Greene should contact John R. Williams of Long Beach, who was governor of District No. 2. District Governor Williams appointed Fred McClung, president of Huntington Park Rotary Club, to organize the Inglewood group. After many meetings and talks, 18 men were meeting each Tuesday. On April 10, 1923, President McClung thought the time was ripe. Hodgkins was elected president and Woodworth secretary. Application was made to Rotary International for a charter and Fred thought the 18 men present were enough charter members, according to the detailed history of the club compiled by George M. (Daddy) Green.

There was considerable misunderstanding created in Inglewood, for few realized that Rotary was a "craft" organization with each business or profession furnishing one member only. However, the Lions Club soon was organized, followed by the Kiwanis Club, and the tension was released.

## CHARTER GRANTED

Then the charter was granted and on the evening of June 5, 1923, District Governor Williams presented Charter No. 1411 to President Hodgkins in the presence of some 40 Rotarians and their ladies, and the Inglewood Rotary Club was a member of Rotary International to meet each Tuesday at noon for luncheon.

Greene was elected a member June 12, 1923, as the "Second Active" member under the classification of Chair Manufacturer. Of all the members who joined that first year Bob Aylsworth is the only one still an active member.

The club went to work with enthusiasm and started many endeavors for service and interesting weekly programs. Attendance always was near 100 per cent.

The first educational program was held during "Public Schools Week" when Leonard Matson, son of Carl Matson, gave the address. First "out of club" speaker was John Steven McGroarty, poet, philosopher and dramatist—the author of the Mission Play. Greene was the chairman of the meeting.

#### BOYS' WORK FEATURED

Boys' Work was organized and is still carried on today. The club organized a charity fund, and many a needy person was helped.

On August 7, 1923, by order of International President Gundaker, all Rotary Clubs held memorial services for our deceased President of the United States, Warren G. Harding. Judge A. F. (Bert) Monroe, Mrs. A. H. Badenoch and Mrs. Record had charge of the music. Talks were made by Woodworth, Judge Parent, Rev. James Stone, and McClung. On April 1, 1924, George C. England made a plea for cooperation in the matter of combating the the "Foot and Mouth Disease" then prevalent in Southern California.

Something out of the ordinary was the program of excellent music furnished by a quartet consisting of Fred Laxdal, "Go-Get-Em" Wilson, Bill Kempen and Roland Bush.

The Rotary Club to a man was back of the organization of the Chamber of Commerce, and Rotarian George M. Sutton was its first president. Later he also was president of Rotary.

Hugh B. Lawrence, Inglewood's first real mayor under the freeholders' charter, was elected president for the second year, and Ed Street, secretary. Hodgkins, Aylsworth, and Ed Harris with their wives went to the Rotary International convention at Toronto. President Hugh was unable to go to the convention at the end of his year and suggested that the expense money be placed in a Scholarship Fund. (Carl Matson, during his term as president, had the birthday fines placed in this fund also.) The assessing of fines for charity got to be a habit during this administration.

#### LADIES' DAY HELD

The first Ladies' Day was held July 29, 1924, at noon, with Greene as chairman and Estelle Lawton Lindsay (Cynthia Gray) the speaker. Sam and Woodworth were appointed as a committee to go to the Country Club and

extend greetings of the Rotary Club to the Rotary Anns who were holding their first meeting on August 26, 1924, with Floy Aylsworth as president.

November 11, 1924, being Armistice Day, President Hugh welcomed the American Legion boys with a touching address. Col. Tom Jennings and Earl W. Porter, then Chamber of Commerce secretary, gave impressions of Armistice Day from the battle front, while the Rev. Clyde Boyer made a plea for "World Peace." The Kucker sisters gave several singing numbers.

#### STUDENT PRESIDENT MEMBER

It was agreed that the president of the Inglewood High School student body be an honorary member of the Rotary Club each year. James Nuchols in 1924-25 was the first, followed by 41 other young men and one young lady—Lucille Dixon, daughter of Mayor E. S. Dixon.

So Inglewood Rotary club was started on its way—from boom to depression—through a World War, taking part in every good work, a power in our city, growing with the city, a real force for service to the Community.

Woodworth was elected the third president, and the pages of Inglewood Rotary club history kept turning into the past with an ever-challenging future facing its enthusiastic membership.

1948-49 saw the Inglewood Rotary Club celebrate its 25th anniversary, during the presidency of Dr. Cecil O. Garton. Einar C. Matson assumed the presidency in June of 1949. The club sponsors, through scholarships, two foreign students each year.

### Lions Club

"We are indeed proud to take our place among the clubs of Lions International and we hope that in the years to come, the Inglewood Den will have an important and outstanding part in the growth and development of this section. May this parchment hang in the meeting place of a thriving and useful Club, long after the last of us shall be dead and gone."

Those words were first spoken on April 25, 1924, by a young Inglewood attorney, Newcomb Condee, when he, as president, accepted the charter of the Inglewood Lions Club. They were repeated by Superior Court Judge Newcomb Condee recently when he was guest of honor at the silver anniversary dinner-dance of the same group.

Judge Condee's successors to the presidency, introduced by Mayor E. S. Dixon at the anniversary celebration, included Harry Van Beaver, Ernest M. Gould, E. E. (Hack) Miller, Ralph F. Lamb, Louis B. Hardin, Jr., Roy L. Hill, B. K. Richardson, N. J. (Sally) Salyards, Ernest M. Mansur, R. K.

(Bob) Lloyd, Dr. Leo DeSilva, Neil Brashear, Harold R. Brown, James C. Haines, C. O. Phillips, Walter E. Keefe, Paul V. Greene, W. I. Buffington, Al O. Duer, Don R. Lewis and Leo Atimion. The late Gerald F. Sparling served the club as president in 1928-29. Eugene B. Show was succeeded this year by Claude E. Cole. Mayor Dixon was president during 1927-28.

#### JURIST SPOKESMAN

Judge Condee spoke for all the past presidents at the dinner, reviewing the early history of the club, which had its beginning in October of 1923 when Fred L. Sieicher, Lions International field director, called a meeting of a few local men. Beaver was made temporary chairman and weekly meetings were held. At this time, Rotary was about a year old and Kiwanis was still more than a year away in Inglewood. The following January, the local group named Bruce Dixon, local Standard Oil manager, as president. When Dixon was transferred to Modesto before the April presentation of the charter, Vice-President Condee succeeded him.

Judge Condee, as charter president, was presented with honorary life membership No. 1 at the silver anniversary banquet. Other charter members still active in the club also presented honorary life memberships were Dr. J. Frank Garrison, Hill, Dr. Russell C. Letson, Lloyd and Beaver. Life membership No. 2 went to Richardson, former district governor, for outstanding Lionism.

"Old Monarch" pins signifying 25 years of membership were presented to the charter members mentioned above and to Mayor Dixon, Dr. Reginald K. Francis and Greene.

#### MAKE WEATHER SCIENTIFIC

Among outstanding civic contributions of this club is the rain and temperature recording instruments installed in the Fire Department by the Lions during Phillips' presidency.

At the 25th birthday party, Judge Condee credited "the fertile mind" of Lloyd Hamilton with having thought out a stunt which brought Inglewood national publicity. He related that the late Volney Dawson, father of E. W. (Em) Dawson, had a number of empty soap barrels from the Inglewood Laundry which he operated. The new club members shed their clothing and donned barrels and the wearing apparel was donated to disabled veterans.

During the administration of Hack Miller, the club made a trek to the Soboba Indian Reservation. With them, the Lions took a large supply of warm clothing and other articles, to alleviate the hardships incident to lack of water and consequent crop failures on the Indians' land.

## Kiwanis Club

Kenneth S. Clarey was charter president of the Inglewood Kiwanis Club, which was instituted here June 11, 1925, under the auspices of the Los Angeles body of that international organization. Otho Ferris, lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis California-Nevada district, presented the charter at a gala dinner party.

Sam Bishop, president of the sponsoring club, was toastmaster. Judge Frank D. Parent, as president of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, made the address of welcome, to which Ernest Lucas, a member of the San Diego Kiwanis Club and the service group's international field representative, responded.

Dr. Edward Campbell, a charter member of the new Kiwanis Club, made the principal address of the evening, stressing the organization's ideals. Others appearing on the program, the only remaining copy of which was lent the Community Book by Wilson E. Carter, a past president, were the charter president, Dr. Purdy, song leader of the Buffalo, N. Y., Kiwanis Club; Jimmy Smith of the Tujunga Kiwanis Club; Margaret Messer Morris (known as "the Sweet-heart of Kiwanis"), Ivy Mae Travis, vocalist and accompanist, respectively; and the Hollywoodland Orchestra.

### CHARTER OFFICERS NAMED

Charter officers with Clarey were Lester B. Zillgitt, vice-president; A. Fred Krause, secretary; Archie H. Robbins, treasurer; James H. Dalton, district trustee; Dr. C. C. Baronidis, Fred E. Laxdal, Dr. Charles A. Robinson, R. Leonard Bush, J. Gordon Mills, Clair D. Spaulding and Harry D. Tompkins, all directors.

Other charter members were Dr. Louis M. Andersen, Harry E. Ballard, Carter, Darell M. Chambers, Dr. Elmer D. Charland, Albert J. Coppage, O. Earl Current, Millring J. Dawson, Sterling W. Ensign, W. Wellington Farrow, Harry G. Gardner, Henry Honaker, Edward G. Lamel, Herbert A. McCallister, Chester M. Merryman, Charles W. Noble, Dr. Fred P. Ott, Roland E. Robbins, Ralph Simons, Thomas G. Stevens, Joseph C. Thoburn, John V. Van Eaton and Daniel B. Wise.

Russ Hunter is the 1949 president.

One of the outstanding projects of the club was the raising of approximately \$12,000 to finance the construction of the Administration building at Camp Conrad, "Y" summer camp near Barton's Flats, named in honor of the local "Y" secretary, Conrad Jongewaard.

In addition to the charter president, Kenneth S. Clarey, Inglewood Kiwanis Club past presidents include: James H. Dalton, the late Gordon Mills, the late

Fred E. Laxdal, Lou Ballinger, I. M. (Scotty) Jonathan, Dr. Leslie B. Curtis, Roland E. Robbins, Roy Rosenberg, Wilson Carter, Judge Lester O. Luce, Woodie Morrow, Vernon P. Spencer, Dr. John Fate, Homer W. Lewis, Dr. Robert E. Cralle, Jack R. Williams, Dr. Roy Swain, Leonard Matson, Lester B. Zillgitt, Morgan Moore, Frank L. Seeley, Frank H. Afton, Dr. Carl M. Spencer, and the incumbent, Russ Hunter.

#### FROM NUTS TO SOUP

Last came first and first came last at the Inglewood Kiwanis Club meeting at Potrero House as past presidents were in charge of the twenty-fourth anniversary program. The Inglewood Kiwanis Club received its charter on April 24, 1925.

The meeting was closed with the opening song, then the book given each speaker by the club was presented to Attorney Vernon P. Spencer, who immediately went into his talk.

Following the address, the chairman of the day, Wilson Carter, introduced the speaker and then the presiding officer, A. Fred Krause, introduced the chairman of the day.

The tables contained dessert when the members and guests sat down and following the introduction of the chairman, the main course was served and then the meal was concluded with soup.

The "everything backwards" was followed out for the remainder of the program with those fined by the presiding officer being given money, and the welcome to the guests coming before they were introduced.

Following the usual salute to the flag and singing of the national anthem, the meeting was closed with a "call to order" by Krause.

Attorney Spencer's talk was in serious vein, giving a history of the early struggles of the club which resulted at one time in a meeting to determine whether or not the group should be continued. Introduced were six charter members who still belong to the club: W. W. Farrow, Carter, Rolland Robbins, Dan B. Wise, Lester Zillgitt and Krause.

### **Inglewood Optimist Club**

The Inglewood Optimist Club, which specializes in service to youth, was chartered on August 15, 1939, with 43 members, including Andrew Aitken, Herbert G. Allen, Crist V. Bass, Lew M. Bedell, J. W. DeYoe, Jr., John C. Donley, Joe F. Estes, H. J. Gaster, Ellis D. Guild, Charles C. Jacobs, Ray C. Jost, A. J. F. Kelley, Joe L. Lohr, Dr. F. H. Lusby, Larry C. Mather, Dr. Howard

D. Mefford, H. C. Neal, W. D. Parker, O. D. Schneider, R. E. Scott, Robert J. Shoop, Harold O. Smith, Wilfred A. Sterr, H. Stevensen, Dr. J. Burton Van Gelder, Dr. L. A. Van Ostrom, Dr. Joseph D. Vida, R. J. Zarubica and W. G. Williams.

Charter officers included William M. Hartford, president; Safety First, first vice-president; Don E. Harrison, second vice-president; Roy A. Bush, secretary-treasurer; George A. Bolthoff, sergeant-at-arms; Rev. G. F. Hoy, chaplain; F. E. Voorhees, M. E. Frazier, G. A. Camien, Dr. Leslie C. Grant, J. A. Helget, Jules J. Covey and Karl R. Hammond, all members of the board of directors.

#### BOYS WORK FEATURED

The first boys work project of the Inglewood club was that of sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 261, with Robert A. Millhouse as scoutmaster. Next the club took the Junior Police Bicycle Drill Corps under its auspices, as related in detail in the chapter on Community Customs in this book, and had it chartered at a Junior Optimist Club.

Later the service club took over as a project the baseball, basketball and football teams of the Highland School District in the City Recreation League. This still is a project of the club.

The Inglewood group also gives regular monthly financial support to the Optimist Home for Boys (formerly the Strickland Home for Boys) at 6957 N. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. From time to time, boys have been released from detention homes under supervision of Optimist members.

### **Inglewood Exchange Club**

Aimed at attracting Inglewood's younger business men, the Exchange Club was organized by Ivan Reesor, Robert Ruse, John W. Roe, Paul White, Charles Fitzgerald and a representative from the National Exchange Club, Matt Schergan, and chartered January 16, 1947, at Potrero House.

Charter officers, installed before a company that included representatives from all Inglewood service clubs, included Reesor, president; Francis Morton, vice-president; White, secretary; Edwin Hill, treasurer; Dr. Donald Dixon, John Dixon, Fitzgerald, Roe, Arnold Greer and Ruse, members of board of control. Roe replaced Morton as vice-president shortly and on July 9, 1947, became president.

#### EARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

That fall, the club set aside more than \$200 for community welfare and with the Exchangettes, organized July 24, 1947, presented the Spastic Chil-

dren's Foundation with \$100 worth of canned goods. That Christmas, proceeds from a box social were used to buy toys for needy children of Inglewood and the Exchangettes presented beautifully dressed dolls and handmade scrap-books to the Children's Hospital.

The Exchangettes are wives of club members and their group was organized by Mrs. (Grace) Roe who became its first president. Charter officers besides Mrs. Roe were Nola Reesor, vice-president; Lorraine Montgomery, secretary-treasurer; Josephine Doty, Madge Johnson, Edith Sonnenberg and Arline White, members of the board of control.

#### SPONSORS CLUB

Early in the regime of Lawrence Montgomery, who took office in January of 1948, the Inglewood group sponsored a new club, the Crenshaw Exchange Club. That April, a sports program was organized under the leadership of Exchangite Bob Ketcham. The staff installed that July was headed by Robert C. Greene and the club participated in such civic events as Centinela Days and launched its present principal project—the Girl Scout Camp. Originator of this idea was Otto R. (Dick) Sonnenberg, who was installed as president, January 15, 1949.

#### HEAD CAMP PROJECT

Other service clubs, civic leaders and the Parent-Teacher Associations were entertained at a dinner at the Girl Scout Little House, 101 Queen Street, and invited to participate in making the camp a community project. The camp serves all girls, whether or not they are Girl Scouts, in Westchester, Morning-side Park, Lawndale, Lennox, Alondra Park, Wissburn and Hawthorne, as well as Inglewood, numbering some 12,000 all together. Meanwhile, the club continued its aid to underprivileged and handicapped children of this city.

The Exchange Club, with the Centinela Girl Scout Council, now is sponsoring a drive for \$20,000 to further the development of the girls camp and expects to be able to accommodate several Scout troops there this summer. Work on the camp is well under way, the site having been cleared and graded. A dam has been constructed and water lines piped to the site. Each week-end, Exchange Club members work at the camp.

### **Inglewood 20-30 Club**

Stu Wilson, the radio and television master of ceremonies, was a clerk in an Inglewood bank back in 1927 when he heard about the Upland 20-30 Club and decided to gather together a bunch of local young men of the proper age

bracket to form a similar group here. Wilson, with Jack Foster, Jack Taylor and Clem Miller, forthwith organized the Inglewood club, 14th in the national 20-30 organization.

Miller became the first Inglewood president when the charter was presented in Reno, August 13, 1927, and went on to become one of the early national 20-30 presidents. He was not the only Inglewood 20-30 member to go far in that organization, however. Ray Fletcher, too young to be a charter member, became the first international 20-30 president, after being sub-district governor, district governor, national trustee and national president. He has travelled to England, Mexico and the Antipodes in the interests of his club. While he still calls Inglewood home, he is away a great deal of the time, organizing and chartering new clubs.

#### RECORD-BREAKING SPONSORS

The Inglewood club has broken all records in 20-30 International in sponsoring new clubs, the present total being 13, with a 14th in North Inglewood in the offing. To date, the local group has sponsored clubs in Portland and Salem, Ore., Hollywood, Los Angeles, Redondo Beach, Huntington Park, Southwest Los Angeles, Torrance, Hawthorne, Morningside Park, Hermosa Beach, Culver City and Alondra Park.

Former local members also have activated other 20-30 clubs. Gus Schultz organized one in Bishop and now is its president. Marion Bohannon started one at Arvin while he worked in that city. Jimmie Wells organized the Sunland-Tujunga club.

Some years ago, Inglewood 20-30 donated \$4000 to the Hard of Hearing Society, conducted the Cancer drive here for two years, and raised no less than \$24,000 for the March of Dimes. Not bad for a group of younger men.

#### OTHER CHARTER MEMBERS NAMED

Charter members of Inglewood are Riel Beatteay, Claude Eshelman, Tommy Mock, Badge Moore, Morgan Moore, Henry (now Captain) Stevenson of the Inglewood Police Department; Paul Thomas, Lloyd (Rosie) Whittaker, Mil Zillgitt, Russ Zillgitt, Mott Hallowax, Merle (now Dr.) Smith, Leonard Lambert, Harold Wilson and Ralph Olson.

Past presidents (all with six-month terms) have been Miller, Taylor, Wilson, Jack Buckner, Morgan Moore, Foster, Dr. Howard Drum, Beatteay, Clarence Oestrech, Dr. Kenneth R. Douglas, Dr. Carl Spencer, Badge Moore, Schultz, Dr. Smith, Ken Deming, Bill Reuther, Dr. Cecil Garton, Wayne Malloy, Charles Glenn, Don Richardson, Herman Troost, Ralph Conrad, Bud Foster, Eddie Loehr, Bob White, Fletcher, Herb Badstubner, Rupe Lawing,

Heba Fish, Jim Fagan, Leon (Oakie) Oakes, Bob Richards, Bill Partridge, Hank Leeseman, Willis (Bill) Glasgow, Mark Todd, Bee Brown, Dr. Jimmie Sheets, Gordon Ballantyne, George Tiefel Peyton Stith, and James Potts, the incumbent.

#### EARLY PROJECTS

Among the early day projects of the local group were conducting Centinela Days dances, the annual Boy Scout snow trips to Big Pines, with Russ Grodrian in charge for a number of years. Eventually the Boy Scout District took these trips over and they still are an annual event (if and when) there is sufficient snow. Inglewood 20-30 also was active in building the old and now rehabilitated Boy Scout cabin in Centinela Park, constructed of old utility company poles.

### **Morningside Park Lions Club**

Morningside Park Lions Club, sponsored by the Inglewood and Wilshire Lions clubs, will conclude its first decade next year, having been sponsored in May of 1940. John A. Simpson was charter president, Dr. Howard Pendleton first vice-president, De Wight Kindig secretary, and Harold Hollister tail-twister.

The club was chartered during the presidency of Harold Brown as president of the Inglewood Lions and with much work done thereon by B. K. (Dick) Richardson of the Inglewood Lions, only recently past his term as district governor of Lions International.

The club spends some \$500 annually in providing an all-year program of athletics for elementary and high school youngsters up to the age of 17 years.

#### CURRENT OFFICERS NAMED

Installed for the 1949-50 club year were John Petermann, president; Dr. Donald Hodge, first vice-president; Kenneth Reaume, second vice-president; Harold Anderson, third vice-president; H. Max Calvert, secretary; Hal A. Wight, treasurer; Al Mills, Lion tamer; C. L. (Tubby) Krout, tail twister, and Fred Edwards, John Swarbrick, Dr. Edward F. Todd and Dr. Floyd Larsen, directors.

Presidents since the charter officers are, in their order: Dr. William G. Rathmann, Krout, Harry Hum, Don B. Williams, Ellsworth T. Minner, J. Lloyd (Hunky) Dory, Kindig, who was forced by ill health to leave office early in his term, the balance being taken over by Dr. Fred Gillard, and then the incumbent, John B. Petermann.

### **Morningside Park 20-30 Club**

The first month after it had been chartered on March 27, 1947, the Morningside Park 20-30 Club raised more than \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society by solicitation at local theaters. This go-getter group was sponsored by the Inglewood 20-30 Club and its first meeting was held at Potrero House.

Elected at that initial meeting were Charter Officers George Graziadio, president; Everal Songer, first vice-president; Wally Minner, second vice-president; Jack Berry, Gus Friess, Carlyle Jackson and Harvey Wilson, directors. Graziadio today is district governor of 20-30 International.

#### **SPONSOR, TOO**

Just a year after it was chartered, the new club sponsored the first of its successful annual Morningside Park Community Fairs, proceeds of which were donated to the Cancer Society, Southwest Spastic Association and the American Heart Association. Proceeds of the second Fair went to the Rheumatic Fever Foundation and various local charities.

On July 22, 1948, the Morningside Club sponsored the chartering of the Westchester 20-30 Club. That December, the Morningside group won the man-mile trophy for having the most members from the greatest distance in attendance at the semi-annual district educational meet held in El Centro. The group was one of 90 clubs attending.

Current officers are Hal Eshelman, president; Jack Griffith, first vice-president; Beery, second vice-president; Jim Hamilton, Fred Sperback, Wilson and Joe Hill, directors.

### **Co-Operative Club of Inglewood**

Newest civic group in Inglewood is the Co-Operative Club which was organized recently and meets weekly at Miller's Steak House. Dr. Edward H. Crane is its first president and his first act was to adopt the constitution and by-laws as presented by the International body of that organization.

Serving with him on the first board are Ben O. Brown, Charles Bailey and Joseph Bellante, vice-presidents; William Spafford, secretary and treasurer; W. F. McKenzie, sergeant-at-arms; Thomas W. Clark, chairman of the board; J. C. Rich, Neil B. Criger, Charles H. Hoke, William Bolton and Hal E. Maher, all directors.

## **Inglewood Toastmistress Club**

The Inglewood Toastmistress Club was presented its charter from the International Toastmistress Clubs, Incorporated, August 10, 1949, at Potrero House. The charter was presented by Florence Mellinger, international director, to the charter president, Grace Roe, who accepted it on behalf of the club. The club was chartered with its full quota of members, which is 30 active members and 5 associates. Other Toastmistress and Toastmasters club were present, as well as International Toastmistress officers, Mayor and Mrs. E. S. Dixon, other Inglewood service clubs and many Inglewood dignitaries.

Charter officers included President Roe, Vice-President Dora Woods, Secretary Betty Elliott, Treasurer Rose Beeler and Club Representative Ramona Ryan. All officers are elected for a six-month period except the Club Representative whose term is a year. The Club Representative represents her club to International through the Toastmistress Council, and represents International to her club.

The purpose of the organization is improvement through study and practice, conversation, speech, group leadership and critical listening.

### **FIRST PLACE WINNERS**

The Inglewood Toastmistress Club had the honor of winning first place trophy for a float entered in the Centinela Days Parade, less than a month after receiving its charter. Ramona Ryan was mainly responsible for this achievement and also for the club's co-chairmanship with the Woman's Club in presenting the Centinela Days Pageant.

Present officers are: President Bess Beam, Vice-President Harriet Bandy, Secretary Ruth Woodbury, Treasurer Pearl Meehleis and Club Representative Ramona Ryan.

Winner of the first six months "speak-off" of the club was Clara Simpson. Representing the Inglewood club at the first area speak-off in which it has participated was Erma Hill.

Miss Will of Inglewood High School coaches members in speech technique and parliamentary procedure. The club meets the first and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., at Scrivner's.

## **Business and Professional Women's Club**

This group of women engaged in business or the professions, which was organized in 1932 in Inglewood, this June installed Eula Simpon as president, succeeding Ladine Johnson.

Other 1949 officers are Gladys Dawson, first vice-president; Ara Thornton, second vice-president; Ann Belt, third vice-president; Myrtle Raley, recording secretary; Lillian Monahan, corresponding secretary; Agnes Marshall, financial secretary, and Edith Ruckdashel, treasurer.

Clarissa P. Mosher was charter president.

## **Soroptimist Club of Inglewood**

Lola Stanley, chairman of the Sister Club committee of the American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs, presented the charter and installed Dorothy Dye, manager of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, and her staff of officers at a meeting at Potrero House, April 21, 1947.

Charter officers with Mrs. Dye were Helen Major, first vice-president; Jessie M. Neale, second vice-president; Evelyn Hoskin, secretary; Dickie Garrigues, treasurer; Grayce Micek and Vivian Willits, directors.

Other charter members included Margaret Abeyta, E. Alice Beard, Martha E. Cole, Letha C. Dunn, Betty S. Elliott, Kay M. Erb, Myrtle Fate, Dorlyn Flanagan, Eleanor S. Greene, Grace Greer, Corrine E. Hand, Mary K. Johnson, Edna McClure, Darrel Mitchell, Ruth Nicholls, Helene M. Shortell, Clara Simpson, Dorothy Venables, Ynez G. Ward and Lucinda Woodworth.

### **BEVERLY HILLS SPONSORS**

Myrtle Mae Wilson of the Soroptimist Club of Beverly Hills which sponsored the local group, presided at the dinner. Mayor E. S. Dixon, Supervisor Raymond V. Darby and Dr. Gertrude A. Rennick of the sponsoring club all spoke. Myrtle Mae Wilson, Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle, J. Mildred Belt, Ray Littleton, Frances Grant Heverlo were others taking part in the program.

The club's major service project is the Cancer Clinic, while it also aids the Girl Scouts and has a scholarship fund. Mrs. Major succeeded Mrs. Dye is president.

Installed in June of 1949 were Mrs. Simpson, president; Grayce Micek, Miss Willits, Ann Belt, Miss Erb, Mary V. Cleave, Ed Fairbrother, Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Major, Mrs. Garrigues, Dr. A. Hatcher and Myrtle Fâte.

## **Chapter XIV**

### **CHURCHES**

#### **Religion Plays Important Role**

Since the first religious service was held in Mrs. Belden's boarding house, April 22, 1888—only eight months after surveyors had laid out the town—churches have played a large role in the growth and progress of the city and its enviable reputation as a place in which to live and rear children.

The Dunkard Church, erected in the 300 block on South Market Street and dedicated on June 30, 1901, after the German Baptist Brethren had met in the Inglewood Hotel five years, led the vanguard of church edifices which today total more than \$1,000,000 in value. By 1908, both the Presbyterians and the Methodists had their own church buildings here.

#### **LONGEST RECORD**

The First Presbyterian Church, which has been in the city 59 years, is the only one of the early congregations with a consecutive history here. Located at 100 North Hillcrest Boulevard in a new \$200,000 building, this congregation is led by Rev. R. Murray Jones. The large congregation at the First Methodist Church, erected at 304 East Spruce Street in 1941, dates its time in Inglewood from that year, although individual members were in the 1915 group. Dr. John Gray Ross is its pastor.

The First Christian Church, at Hillcrest Boulevard and La Brea Avenue, claims the second longest continuous time in Inglewood with 39 years. The Rev. Morris Butler Book is the pastor.

Tied for next place are Church of the Holy Faith (Episcopal), Grace Methodist and Seventh Day Adventist, all with 36 years to their credit. The Church of the Holy Faith (Episcopal), of which the Rev. Ralph Voorhees Hinkle is the rector, is located at the corner of North Locust Street and Grace Avenue. Rev. M. K. Stone is pastor of Grace Methodist, situated at 111th Place and Yukon Avenue. Ernest E. Lutz, Jr., is pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist group whose church is located at 110 Binford Street.

## LONG HISTORY TOO

Almost as old is the First Baptist congregation of which the Rev. Hermon S. Ray is pastor. Located at 434 South Grevillea Avenue, this church has been in Inglewood 34 consecutive years. The Spiritual Science Church, 128 West Hazel Street, also has more than 30 years in Inglewood to its credit. Rev. Edna Harris is its pastor.

The Salvation Army, led by Captain and Mrs. W. B. Shennan, has been in Inglewood 29 years. Other religious groups which have marked their silver anniversaries in Inglewood during the past few years are the Calvary Full Gospel Assembly, 500 Centinela Boulevard, the Rev. W. J. Roberts, pastor; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 400 Centinela Boulevard, Arlow W. Nalder, acting bishop; and Fairview Heights Baptist, 1215 Marlborough Avenue, Rev. A. S. Reitz, pastor.

Almost as old is the Church of the Brethren, Imperial Highway and St. Andrews Place, which this year completes a quarter-century in Inglewood. With a new church building under construction, this group is led by Glen R. Montz, pastor.

## HERE MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS

Other congregations which have been in Inglewood more than two decades include St. John's Chrysostom Catholic, 120 South Locust Street, the Rev. Anthony J. Reidy, pastor; Centinela Baptist, 99th and Flower Streets, Rev. Cecil Memmer, minister; Church of Healing Christ, Unity, 226 East Spruce Avenue; First Evangelical Lutheran, Grevillea Avenue at Buckthorne Street, the Rev. Luther A. Shearer, pastor; Foursquare Church of Inglewood, 310 East Arbor Vitae Street, the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Guilliams.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, 102 East Kelso Street, was incorporated under the laws of the State of California on September 22, 1921. A reading room is maintained in the church, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily except Sunday and nationally observed holidays, while it is open until 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. Mrs. John Hurtt and Mrs. Elva Martin are first and second readers, respectively.

The Second Church of Christ, Scientist, of which Mrs. Ethel Cooley and Mrs. Lela Northrup are first and second readers, maintains a reading room in the church at 3567 West Manchester Boulevard, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily except Sundays and nationally observed holidays.

## MORE THAN 10 YEARS OLD

In Inglewood more than a decade have been the Evangelical Free Church, 4808 99th Street, of which the Rev. Maynard W. Granlund is pastor; Friends

Community Church, 801 South Oak Street, Rev. Charles H. Burt; Good Shepherd Lutheran, Grevillea Avenue and Arbor Vitae Street, Rev. E. W. Dierker; and North Inglewood Foursquare, 1125 Centinela Boulevard, Rev. Carl Sabiers.

Newer churches here, named in the order of coming to Inglewood, are Holy Trinity Lutheran, 8406 South Crenshaw Drive; Good News Tabernacle, 11112 Prairie Avenue, Dr. R. J. M. Barr; Inglewood Heights Church of Christ, Centinela Boulevard and Stepney Street, the Rev. J. T. Chase; Morningside Community, 8722 Crenshaw Boulevard, Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld; First Brethren Church, 2400 West 85th Street, Rev. Herbert R. Bruce; Chapel of Peace (Lutheran), 1009 North Market Street, Rev. Edmund G. Kreuger; Church of Nazarene, 304 Nectarine Street, Rev. W. B. McAlpin; and Church of Religious Science, 501 South Grevillea.

Together the above represent 21 denominations, with a membership of around 15,000.

The cooperative spirit of the various denominations in Inglewood is shown in the Inglewood Ministerial Association to which belong most of the ministers of the Protestant churches here and the head of the Y.M.C.A. The Association meets monthly to act on interdenominational matters and on civic subjects in which the church is concerned.

## **New Buildings and Additions**

Inglewood is credited with having not only some of the most beautiful church edifices in Southern California but also some erected in circumstances of unusual interest.

### **CHAPEL OF PEACE**

The Chapel of Peace, Lutheran, for example, found itself in the war period without a church home and with an expanding congregation. Defense workers from the shipyards and aircraft plants in three weekends built a modest, but attractive, chapel seating 200. The structure was dedicated debt-free on the fourth weekend and was featured in "Newsweek" of January 18, 1943, as the "Miracle Chapel."

Additions made during 1944 and 1945 included a three-room Christian day school, also built in the main with voluntary labor and debt-free by dedication time. Fire came within four minutes of destroying the church plant—now valued in excess of \$65,000—on January 12, 1949. The building has since been completely rebuilt and serves more than 600 members and an elementary school of 5 teachers and 140 pupils.

Rev. Edmund G. Krueger, who organized the group in a rented hall in December of 1941, still is its pastor.

#### HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Another church which had small beginnings, as far as its building was concerned, is the Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Morningside Park, of which Rev. J. Benner Weaver is pastor. Rev. Franklin A. Swanson came here in June of the fateful year of 1941 to organize the congregation.

How little did he realize that Pearl Harbor was only half a year ahead and that the war would bring him into uniform as a naval chaplain! He was a colorful and forceful character and one with original ideas. It was he who conceived the plan for the "Tiny Church," a sort of promise of the edifices that were to come. It was about large enough for the nucleus of the congregation. But its novel "tinyness" brought it international publicity before and after its dedication September 14, 1943.

It was built on Crenshaw Drive just north of the Scrivner's drive-in. Subsequently a much larger church edifice was built in the vicinity but it soon was outgrown. So both were sold in 1944, the "tiny" one to become an addition to rental property on Hyde Park Boulevard and the other to become the property of an Italian Four-Square Gospel Church and located on Avalon Boulevard a few blocks south of Manchester Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Under the inspiration of the present pastor, who came here with his family from historic Gettysburg, Pa., in June of 1944, the new and impressive edifice at 9300 South Crenshaw Boulevard, at Arbor Vitae Street, was planned and constructed, with work started in January of 1948, first services conducted therein August 29 of that year, and dedication rites September 26, and it now is estimated to be worth around \$120,000. The pastor himself put in many hard licks on the edifice. It seats approximately 400. Next to the edifice is the Children's Memorial Chapel. The doors are open daily for all who wish to enter.

#### **First Methodist Church**

The First Methodist Church of Inglewood has on the wall of its patio an ivy vine with an unusual history even unknown or forgotten by many of the congregation. The story goes back to the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939 when Hitler's Nazis first marched into what was to be their eventual destruction.

The then Miss Zola Clark, sister of Mrs. John Gray Ross, was sitting on a bench in front of the gray old pile of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

She had just been informed that her steamer would not sail. Feeling rather cast down, she plucked a bit of the ivy, put it in her coat lapel and went back to her hotel. There she was informed that her steamer would sail despite the warlike situation.

She decided to take the bit of ivy with her as a memento of the London she felt she might never see again. She wore it on her coat when boarding the vessel, kept it in water in her stateroom, wore it ashore, and across the continent by air to her home in Portland, Ore.

There she carefully planted and tended it until it waxed into a healthy vine and then brought it down here for transplanting to the church premises just before the dedication.

This denomination which came to the tiny village of Inglewood in 1905 and began its service with only seven members and not a dollar's worth of property, opened the doors of its new \$90,000 edifice (now valued at \$200,000) on November 21, 1943.

Mrs. Nettie Spaulding, oldest living charter member, unlocked the doors of the new church home. Trustees and building committee members who carried the program to completion were Harry Van Beaver (whose infant son, Van Earl, was the first child christened in the new edifice), Homer W. Lewis, Lloyd Olmstead, Mayor (now County Supervisor) Raymond V. Darby, the late James Penney, Dr. John W. Roulette, Dwight Fobes, the late Claude Hudnall, James Byers, Mrs. Don Depew and Miss Ethel Morris.

Present membership is 1,529, with a Sunday School enrollment of more than 1,000. Plans now are being prepared by an architect for a \$100,000 Church School plant. The church also owns two parsonages on Tamarack Avenue and the main building was debt-free in less than three years after it was dedicated.

The growth of the congregation and the construction of the beautiful church in the Spanish Colonial traditional architecture was under the inspiring spiritual leadership of Dr. John Gray Ross, the pastor.

## **First Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. R. Murray Jones, the pastor, his son Ronald, Paul Skoog and many other pillars of the congregation peeled off to the waist and laid roof boards and shingles on the beautiful Colonial type architecture First Presbyterian Church. These and others also put in many long hours, many of them far into the night, in the interior construction of the stately and spacious edifice.

Cornerstone of the new structure was laid Sunday, December 15, 1946, and dedicatory rites were solemnized Sunday, April 27, 1947. Building com-

mittee was chairmanned by Frank Seeley, among others thereon being L. Oral Calkins, Carl Matson, I. M. Jonathan, R. Frank Wells, Roy A. Bush, Carl P. Sheddan, Roy L. Hill, and Dr. Carl Spencer.

Beginnings of the congregation, which observed its fiftieth or golden anniversary Thursday, November 28, 1940, goes back to as early as 1888 when regular preaching services were conducted and a Sunday School also. The organization then was known as the First Church of Christ until the close of 1889, when the pastor, a Rev. Mr. Savory, retired.

Subsequently, after public meeting attended by many of various denominations, it was decided to request the Los Angeles Presbytery to establish a church here. Organization took place January 19, 1890, with the Rev. F. D. Seward as the organizer, with 14 charter members. After a quarter century only two of these still remained on the church rolls, the late William H. Kelso, Inglewood's first mayor, and the late Mrs. Kelso.

In the beginning, services were held in a school building since razed. During the pastorate of Rev. R. L. Snyder the first church home at Queen and Market Streets was built on a site given by the late Archie Freeman.

Rev. Thomas E. Stevenson was installed as the first regular pastor of the church. To get away from street car and other noises, the church traded ground and moved to the corner of Commercial (now La Brea Avenue) and Nutwood Streets.

The manse, a fairly large two-bedroom home that had been built at a cost of only \$1,600, adjoining the church, also was moved to the newly acquired property. Also in 1923 the church acquired the Brethren Church edifice on Market Street and moved it to add to the Presbyterian Church to use for Sunday School purposes.

Rev. James B. Stone of Ventura was called to the pastorate in April of 1920 and the pastor's salary was raised from \$1,200 to \$1,800, with the manse and one month's vacation. He resigned owing to poor health and in January of 1925 Dr. Edward Campbell came here. Although in 1926 the pastor's salary was increased to \$3,600 a year, with the other prerequisites, but with the coming of the depression he voluntarily reduced it to \$2,400.

Dr. Campbell resigned, effective January 1, 1939, after 14 years, longest such service in the history of the church.

Rev. R. Murray Jones of Pendleton, Ore., was called to the pulpit and preached his first sermon here Sunday, October 15, 1939. Under his leadership plans went forward for the new structure. In it is the \$5,000 organ and in the beautiful belfry of the spire, the bell from the old edifice. The \$5,000 organ was largely paid for by the young people of the church, but the final indebtedness thereon, approximately \$800, was paid off by a bequest in the will of Mrs. Kelso.

Part of the old edifice on Nutwood Street was moved to El Segundo where it is being remodeled into a church edifice for another denomination.

The present First Presbyterian Church edifice at the northeast corner of Queen Street and Hillcrest Boulevard has one of the most symmetrical and beautiful trees in Inglewood on its premises. This was planted years before by John Aerick, in what then was his front yard. For some years in the prewar era it was decorated at the Christmas season by the Inglewood Rotary Club. Since the building of the new church, the tree has been similarly decorated by Frank H. Afton, followed by a public lighting ceremony.

### **Church of the Holy Faith (Episcopal)**

Most of the old-timers in and around Inglewood as well as old and new communicants of the Church of the Holy Faith (Episcopal), no doubt are proudly aware that this beautiful and impressive edifice is the finest example of the pure Gothic architecture west of the Mississippi River. The church, which seats some 250, was badly damaged in the temblor of 1933, but has been fully restored.

Be that as it may, this beautiful structure was the gift, site and all, together with the stately Rectory of the same architecture, of the late great Daniel Freeman, founder of Inglewood, and his gracious daughter, Mrs. Grace Freeman Howland, widely known as Inglewood's Lady Bountiful for her many and unheralded benefactions.

Daniel Freeman, in fact, was the church's first warden. And he carved with his own hands the exquisite tabernacle door in the altar, with its chalice and wafer resin, as well as the cover of the font in the baptistry.

The noble edifice was dedicated with due ceremony November 8, 1914, by Bishop Joseph Horsfall Johnson of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. The first rector was the late Rev. Samuel Mitchell, who came here from Minnesota. He occupied the pulpit until he suffered a stroke in February of 1937, but he occupied the Rectory until the time of his death in May of 1948.

Soon after the first rector's indisposition, the present rector, Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle, was called to the parish by the congregation. He came into the local church November 1, 1938, from his duties as archdeacon of eastern Oregon, or assistant to the bishop of that diocese. Previous to that he had been dean of the Cathedral for ten years at Pendleton, Ore. It was not until the demise of the Reverend Mitchell, however, that Rev. Hinkle and his attractive and gracious wife moved into the rectory.

The local Episcopal structure was designed by an eminent architect, Philip Hubert Frohman, the same one who drew the plans for the magnificent National Episcopal Cathedral in Washington, D. C.



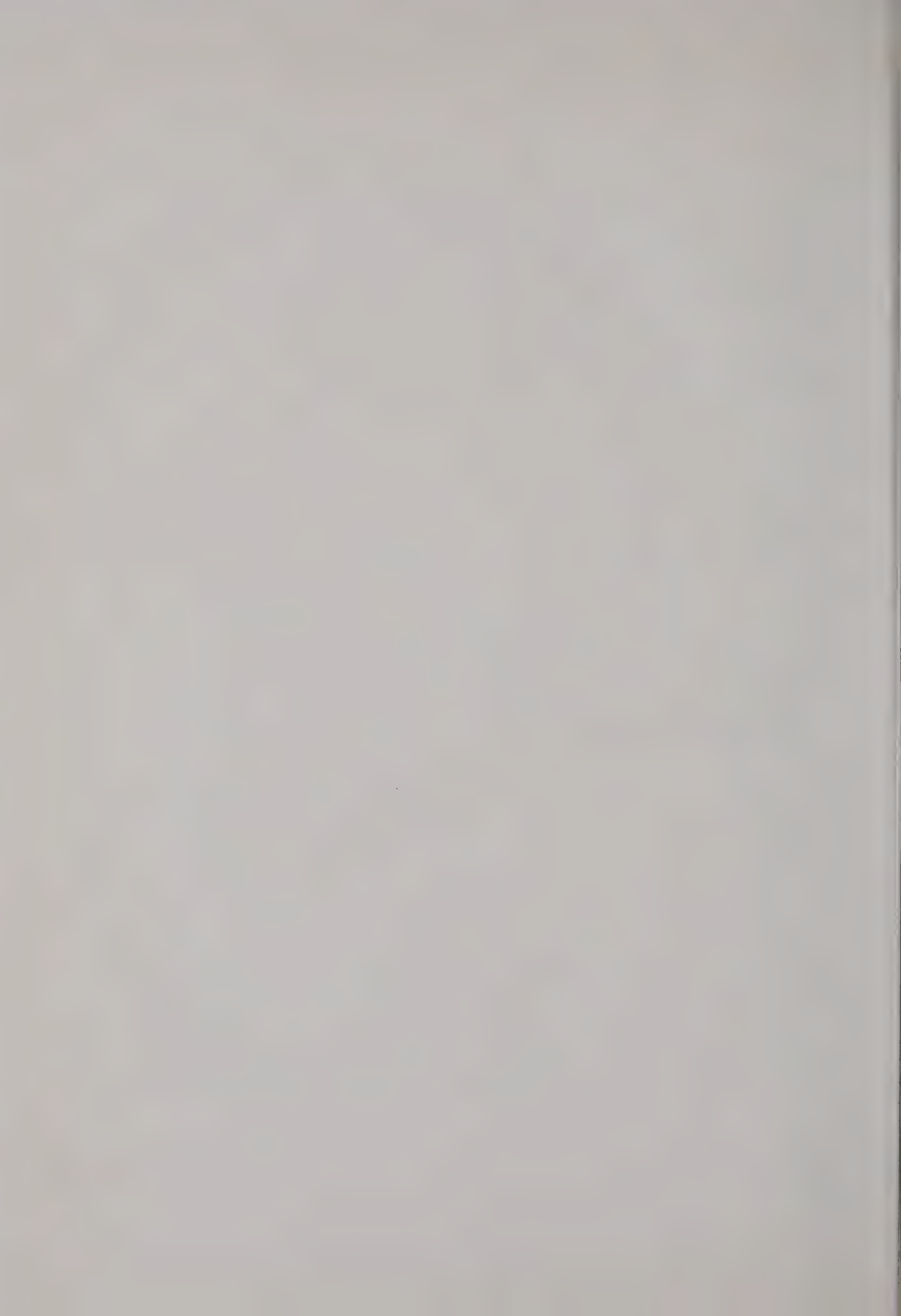


EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH  
(Gothic Architecture)



Top: First Presbyterian Church (New England Colonial Architecture)  
 Lower: First Methodist Church (Spanish Architecture)

(Wm. E. Hessick Photos)



The church was dedicated in the memory of Mr. Howland's mother and Mrs. Daniel Freeman. Over the entrance to the sanctuary hangs a bronze plaque with two angels and the following quotation from Bishop Johnson's consecration address:

"Through this church two mothers will throughout the ages plead with every generation to come and rest awhile and pray.

"Think of the weary ones who will find rest here; think of the sorrowful ones who here will find peace; think of the wayward ones who will find guidance; think of the yearning ones whose earnest desires here will be satisfied.

"You who know what is in every mother's heart, can you think of a memorial for a mother more fitting than this one that is to bring rest and peace and guidance and joy to generation after generation yet unborn; I cannot.

"And as I bear these sainted ones in mind, in whose memory it has been erected, I pray that they may invoke God's blessing upon us and ours through all time to come until the day dawns and the shadows flee away."

The church building has so many beautiful features that it is impossible to name them all here. The sanctuary, together with the baptismal font on the left and the organ on the right, forms a cross. Colored stations of the cross, although not used in the Episcopal services, form a decorative motif along the sidewalls of the sanctuary. Imported from Europe, they are in delicate colors.

The "praying hands" design of Gothic architecture is perfect in every detail and at no place has been modified. All of the colored glass windows are exquisite. Largest of these are the "Magnificat" over the white marble altar and "Nunc Dimittus" at the rear of the sanctuary.

The cloth of gold which hung at the altar before the earthquake since has been made into vestments. The reredos is said to be priceless and this is the only church where Christ, Risen, is shown above Christ, Crucified.

Anton Lang, who played Christus so many years at Oberammergau, designed the tapestries depicting Mathew, Mark, Luke and John above the altar.

The tiles in the floor of the chancel depict symbols of Christ, the gospels and are centered with Chi Rho.

## **Pre-Easter Noonday Bible Club**

Annually for 12 years, the Men's Noonday Bible Club, under the auspices of the Inglewood Y.M.C.A., has sponsored a series of Lenten services. Ministers of various local churches bring the message at the noonday services, held annually at different houses of worship. Civic leaders serve as chairmen of the annual event, instituted by "Y" Secretary Con Jongewaard.

Attendance averages 100. Typical of the luncheons was the program in 1949, held in the First Presbyterian Church, which included:

Dr. John Gray Ross, of the First Methodist Church, spoke at the first session on the subject, "Spiritual Gifts." Kirk W. Hunt, a Y.M.C.A. board member, acted as chairman of the day.

On March 11, Rev. Luther A. Sherer, of the First Lutheran Church, spoke on "All Things Come From Thee." Rev. J. Benner Weaver was chairman.

March 18, Rev. W. S. Stoddard, of the Angeles Mesa Presbyterian Church, addressed the group on the subject, "Christ, the Light of the World." P. W. Andrew presided as chairman.

Rev. F. M. Arant, of the Inglewood Heights Church of Christ, spoke March 25 on the subject, "Fellowship With Christ." R. E. Windhorst was chairman of the day.

"World Youth or Sharing Our Gifts" was the subject of E. Stanton Turner, honorary National Secretary of Y.M.C.A.'s of the Philippines, on April 1. Chairman was Lloyd W. Lash.

On April 8, Pastor Earnest E. Lutz, Jr., of the Seventh Day Adventist Church talked on "Promises of God." John B. Kilroy presided.

April 15, Rev. M. E. Stone, of the Grace Methodist Church, concluded the series with an address on "Holy Week." Vernon P. Spencer acted as chairman of the day.

General Chairman for the seven luncheon series was D. Leslie Hole. D. H. Forbes served as honorary-chairman.

## **Lutheran Easter Sunrise Services**

Five local Lutheran churches unite in presenting an annual Easter Outdoor sunrise service at Ladera Park, which in 1949 attracted 2,600 worshippers.

The services are co-sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Southwest Lutheran Sunrise Service Association.

Churches participating include the Chapel of Peace, Lutheran, and the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, both of Inglewood; the Ascension Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, all of Los Angeles.

## **St. John's Catholic Parish**

St. John's Catholic Parish begins its history when the Rev. Leo G. Garsse erected a rectory here and in March of 1923 took charge of the new parish, hitherto a part of what was known as the Hyde Park-Inglewood Parish. Father

Garsse lived and worked mightily in the parish for many years, eventually returning to his native Belgium. There, according to some old-timers in the parish, he met death at the hand of the Nazi invaders during the Second World War, a tragic end, as it were, for one who had labored so long in this peaceful valley of the Centinela.

St. John Chrysostom Church first was a frame building adjoining the rectory. Subsequently, the original church was made into a social hall, when the new church and the Parochial School were erected on the property.

Catholic Church history in Inglewood, however, goes back as far as 1911, when, according to old records, the Rev. E. Gerardi, of the then new Hyde Park Parish, was invited by communicants in Inglewood to say mass for them also. At that time the present church property was bought and a small church built at an outlay of only \$2,500.

St. John's Parochial School and Church were built in 1923 at a cost of approximately \$70,000. Initial school enrollment was 200. Sisters of St. Joseph are in charge, with Sister Dolores, a graduate of the University of California, as principal, with five sisters as her teaching staff.

The structure contains eight classrooms, each with a maximum capacity of 30, a music room, and offices.

The Rev. Anthony J. Reidy came to the parish January 27, 1938, and is widely known for his knowledge of early California history. He was a speaker at a Chamber of Commerce Centinela Days breakfast August 13, 1948, at the time portraits of Daniel Freeman, Inglewood's founder, and his daughter, Mrs. Grace Freeman Howland, were presented.

## **Chapter XV**

### **SCHOOLS**

#### **Livery Stable to Many Plants**

Gradually growing with the community, the Inglewood City Schools had expanded from the one-room school of 1888 to a six-school system with more than 3,000 pupils when World War II brought a population influx and the beginning of a bumper baby crop. Then school enrollment nearly doubled in the six years from 1942 to 1948, presenting the school district with many problems of money, buildings and teachers.

In an extensive postwar building program, the school district built four new schools, enlarged three others and bought several sites for future expansion. The new schools, designed for maximum utility as well as economy in construction, are cheerful modern buildings with good lighting, acoustically-treated ceilings and flexible equipment to meet varying needs of the classroom.

The schools of today are a long step from Inglewood's first institution of learning, opened May 21, 1888, in a building intended for a livery stable, as related in detail in Chapter II of this book. School progress through the years is detailed in the various chapters dealing with those particular periods in Inglewood's history.

In September, 1946, when average daily attendance in the schools had grown to more than 4,000, voters approved a \$1,355,000 bond issue for additions to existing buildings, purchase of sites and building of schools in the Imperial Village, Ladera and Century Heights sections, and purchase of sites for future schools while land was available. The school board invested the bond money in government certificates, selling groups of them as needed for various buildings, and gained \$18,008 in interest by the time the last of the certificates was sold in 1949.

#### **HUDNALL SCHOOL**

A 4-room unit at the new W. Claude Hudnall School was built at a cost of \$26,300 during the 1945-46 school year, and an addition made the next year. A new type of school architecture, believed to be exceptionally suited

for this area, was used for the new schools, beginning with the central portion of Hudnall school, completed in the spring of 1948. The new schools, modern one-story buildings of brick, were planned around the educational needs of both pupils and teachers. Classrooms were equipped with ample storage space, and outdoor work areas with a sink and craft bench. Two classrooms were planned in each building, helping to reduce costs and to allow fast evacuation in case of emergency. Roy Kashner was the building contractor.

#### WARREN LANE SCHOOL

Largest of the postwar building projects, which include three new schools, plus additions to three other schools and three new school sites, was the Warren Lane School in Morningside Park. Sixteen classrooms and offices were completed in the fall of 1948 at a cost of \$360,000.

#### BENNETT SCHOOL

The Andrew B. Bennett School in Imperial Village, named for the late Inglewood pioneer and school board member, was completed in the spring of 1949 with six classrooms and offices. Classes were first held at Bennett School in September, 1948, in nine bungalows moved from the Warren Lane site.

#### CROZIER AUDITORIUM

At Crozier seventh and eighth grade school, a \$302,000 auditorium unit, including an assembly hall seating 662 persons, science, music and health rooms, was dedicated in the spring of 1949, and then work was immediately started on a five-classroom addition.

#### HIGHLAND ADDITION

A five-classroom addition to Highland School was dedicated in the fall of 1948.

#### LA TIJERA SCHOOL

LaTijera School, serving North Inglewood and the Ladera district, with six classrooms and offices, was to open in September, 1949. The postwar building program included the purchase of sites for the Bennett and LaTijera schools and a site for a future school on Arbor Vitae Street, enlargement of playgrounds at William H. Kelso and Highland schools, and improvements in school-grounds at all of the schools.

### SCHOOL BOARD OF BUILDING ERA

Members of the school board during this building program were Charles L. Blek, president; A. O. Duer, Mrs. Ruth Blanchard, Leonard E. Matson and Dr. John Gray Ross. At a recent election, Mrs. Blanchard was succeeded by Mrs. Evelyn Zillgitt. Vacancy due to the resignation of Matson was filled by the appointment of William Beuchel.

## Public Schools Today

As this building program was in progress, school enrollment passed the 5,000 mark in January, 1949, and continued to grow. New school sites were being sought for an elementary school and a seventh and eighth grade school near Century Heights and for a seventh and eighth grade school in North Inglewood.

In the spring of 1949, the school board agreed to purchase a unit at Freeman School and one at Crozier from the Federal Works agency, which built the units during the war under the Lanham act. Buying the two units on a 10-year lease-option plan, under which one-tenth of the purchase price was paid annually for 10 years, the board got the buildings for one-fifth of their actual cost.

### PROGRAM KEEPS STEP

While the schools' physical plants were being expanded, the program of education was progressing as rapidly. The school system received both state and national attention for its reporting-to-parents plan, parent and teacher curriculum planning, and other practices.

## Sixth-Graders Top Standard

Sixth graders in the Inglewood city schools know more about most subjects they study than is expected by national standards, according to Dr. Walter Lefever, USC professor and research specialist, who completed the annual checkup on teaching methods of the school system recently.

Reading skills and mental health of sixth grade pupils are outstanding, Dr. Lefever reported to the city board of education. Sixth graders met or exceeded national standards in language skills, solving arithmetic problems, health information and participating in group activities, while improvement is needed in geography, arithmetic comprehension and use of reference books, Dr. Lefever stated.

## STANDARD TESTS

The report covered a series of standard, national tests given to sixth graders this spring under the annual check-up which the school system conducts of its teaching program. Some of the tests were given to all sixth grade pupils in the city schools, while others were given to random samples of sixth graders. No individual, teacher, pupil, or school was identified in the tests.

**Handicapped Children To Be Aided**

Handicapped children in the Centinela Valley will receive special attention next year, it was decided at a meeting of representatives of six local school districts in 1949.

Delegates of the district have agreed to meet in conference to draw up a plan of action, based on a survey conducted by William Hirsch. Although the school districts may not legally combine, all are pledged to follow through any plans assigned by an advisory committee representing them.

## READY BY FALL

First attempts to care for the special needs of spastic, cardiac and otherwise handicapped children will be in force at the beginning of 1949 fall terms. School districts participating in the program are Wiseburn, Lawndale, Lennox, Hawthorne, Inglewood and Centinela Valley Union.

These districts have been informally joined together in an effort to bring special attention to children who might otherwise be unable to keep up with their classes. Last September they assigned to Coordinator Hirsch the task of surveying the needs of the area.

## OUTLINE FIRST

Once an outline of the working plan has been accepted, special personnel needs will be discussed. Delegates to the meetings included:

Hawthorne, Lawrence O. Anderson, president of the Board of Trustees, and Oliver McCammon, superintendent; Inglewood City, Mrs. Ruth Blanchard and Dr. Robert E. Cralle; Lawndale, W. M. Porter and Mrs. Pearl M. Kennedy; Lennox, Andrew Marrin and Albert A. Hamilton; Wiseburn, James A. Mitchell and Don M. Smith, and Centinela Valley, John D. Flanagan and Dr. H. Fred Heisner.

## **Visual Aid**

Centinela Valley Union High School District purchased eight visual-aid projectors for classroom use in the two high schools in the spring of 1949.

According to J. T. Slattery, in charge of the machines at the high school, the program at Inglewood began in 1930 with one silent projector, few good films available, and only science and history classes showing the films. Today, there are approximately forty audio-visual aids available for use, including fourteen sound projectors, one steel tape recorder, one tape recorder, and one steel wire recorder. Classroom instruction is also improved by an opaque projector that handles a full typewritten sheet and two projectors that handle half a typewriter sheet.

### **EXPANSION PLANNED**

Mrs. Gladys Waddingham, instructor in English and foreign language department, said that a great expansion of visual-aid instruction is planned next year in English. The modern trend in education was given an impetus earlier in the year when Dr. H. Fred Heisner, district superintendent, invited all high school teachers to view a film of the best methods of teaching, with audio-visual aids being used in the demonstration.

## **Inglewood High School**

Pearl Harbor found Inglewood High School with an enrollment of 2,174, with 88 teachers and a new Music Building on its campus. Today, its enrollment has grown to 2,707, while there are an even 100 teachers on the faculty.

The plant has grown meanwhile by the addition of two shop rooms and a boys' locker room, while the old science building has been demolished. The campus has been increased by the acquisition in 1944-46 of the property to its south and west by condemnation. More buildings are under construction.

1944-45 was marked also by the acquisition of a new name—Centinela Valley Union High School District.

### **OFFICERS NAMED**

Dr. H. Fred Heisner became principal of Inglewood High School in 1945-46 and was succeeded in 1947-48 by Kenneth M. Hurlbert. Dr. Heisner succeeded Forrest G. Murdock as superintendent in 1947-48, the latter now being president of El Camino College. Mr. Murdock's predecessor as superintendent was Harold O. Simar.



Inglewood High School Student Body and Faculty complete, in 1907, two years after the school opened. From left to right, front row: Principal A. M. Brooks, Miss Oda Smith and Miss Neena Hackett, (now Mrs. Neena Hazard) teachers; Fanny Gwilliam, Helen Saulque, Camille Grimaud, Eula Amick (now City Treasurer Mrs. Eula Spaulding).

Second row: Eleanor Nahlinger, Eva Young, Monina Hofzell, Edna Kirk, Hazelglen Calkins (now Mrs. Hazelglen Cherry) Jessie Young, Hannah Clark, Grace Eshelman, Grace Hall, Freda Grice (standing in top row).

Standing in top row: Boys in top row: Clyde Woodworth (now city attorney) Oliver Keyes, Walter Young, Clayton Grice, Frank Young, Benjamin Griffith and Earl Young.



Business managers have included H. B. Thompson, who served until 1942-43; Carl G. Arfwedson, 1943-47, and Dr. Jefferson L. Garner, who took that position in 1947-48.

Assessed valuation of Inglewood and Leuzinger High Schools has risen from a postwar \$31,287,265 to a present \$93,598,220.

Recent board members have included: 1941-42, C. H. Spaulding, Clifford Fraser, Mrs. Ruth Eades, Frank E. Anderson and Dr. C. A. Forbes; 1942-43, Fraser, Mrs. Kathleen Mumma, Louis B. Hardin, Spaulding and Dr. Forbes; 1943-44, L. B. Hardin, Jr., J. William Tift, Rev. R. Murray Jones, Mrs. Mumma, Fraser and Bertrum M. Galloway; 1944-45, Rev. Jones, Mrs. Mumma, R. L. Whitaker, Galloway and Tift; 1945-46, Mrs. Mumma, Whitaker, Rev. Jones, Galloway and Tift; 1946-47, Whitaker, Galloway, John D. Flanagan, Mrs. Mumma, Tift and Vernon P. Spencer; 1947-48, Galloway, Flanagan, Tift, Spencer and George W. Bradford; 1948-49, Flanagan, Bradford, Galloway, Dr. Cecil O. Garton and James A. Mitchell.

## **Honor Awards**

Inglewood High School graduating seniors who have made outstanding records are awarded handsome mementos to be treasured throughout their lifetimes.

Since 1924-25, the Frank D. Parent cup, which remains with the school, has had inscribed thereon names of the senior boy and girl from each class winning the highest number of school service award points, highest award offered at I.H.S. Since the cup remains at the school, the same students—except the 1924-25 winners—are given jeweled "I" pins through the courtesy of Dr. Wallace W. Holley.

## **Adult Education**

The Inglewood Adult Education Center now is fourth largest in California and operates in conjunction with the high school. Total cumulative enrollment for 1946-47 was 12,144.

R. K. (Bob) Lloyd is district director of adult education and principal of Inglewood Evening High School. Other leaders in this movement are Maude E. Knudson, principal of Centinela Evening High School, and Lynn V. Johnson, coordinator of trade and industrial classes.

There are 60 faculty members on the staff and classes meet in 17 other locations throughout the city as well as at the high school. High school credits

may be earned but records show that 98 per cent of those enrolled are more interested in what they can learn and do than in credits and grades. They seek business, vocational, cultural and physical advancement and frequently find courses offered to cover specific local business conditions.

Both day and evening classes are held.

Adult Education Center costs Inglewood taxpayers nothing directly, since it is operated on State funds derived from sales taxes, corporation and inheritance taxes.

## **El Camino College**

El Camino College was voted in May, 1947, by the people in the Centinela Valley Union High School, Redondo Union High School and El Segundo Unified Districts, after two thorough surveys had shown the need of such a junior college in this rapidly developing area.

The first survey was made in March of 1946 by Dr. Lloyd N. Morrisett of the University of California at Los Angeles and associates with other leading educators. The governing boards of the three districts late that same year, upon recommendation of Forrest G. Murdock, then superintendent of the Centinela Valley Union High School District, now El Camino College president, authorized the second study to be made by the State Department of Education.

### **FUNDS VOTED TOO**

At the same time the people concerned voted establishment of the college, they also authorized an extra 25-cent tax for five years for building purposes on a pay-as-you-go, instead of a bond plan.

A provisional board was appointed by the County Superintendent of Schools, consisting of Robert Russell, Redondo Beach; Dr. E. E. Lyder, El Segundo; Robert Kuhn, Manhattan Beach; Mrs. Katherine Mumma, Inglewood; Ralph Whitaker, Hawthorne.

On July 1, 1947, the following were elected as the first permanent board of the college: Russell, Dr. Lyder, Kuhn, M. R. Allen, Inglewood; Jordan E. Dunaway, Inglewood.

El Camino College negotiated with the County Supervisors, who in turn sold eighty acres at Alondra Park, for \$1,000 per acre, and also provided that the said purchase price should be expended on the property for recreational facilities. This made it possible, therefore, to secure the land free of any cost to the District, since it will always be necessary to furnish certain recreational features.

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#### TORRANCE ADDED

In 1947, Torrance Unified School System became a part of the El Camino Junior College District. The 1947 Board established a modified ward system for the election of trustees, the wards being as follows:

1. Centinela Valley Union High School District (Inglewood City limits).
2. Centinela Valley Union High School District (outside Inglewood City limits).
3. El Segundo Unified School District.
4. Redondo Union High School District.
5. Torrance Unified School District.

The present quarters are of a temporary nature. Three of the buildings were Army Air Corps barracks and were moved from Santa Ana Air Base. The remainder of the temporary buildings were built on the site. The money from the first year of the five-year building program fund was used for the rehabilitation of the temporary buildings and for certain permanent facilities, such as sewer and water.

The second year's revenue is being used to begin the development of a 20,000-capacity stadium, to complete ten tennis courts, to establish certain other play and recreational facilities, and to construct two permanent buildings—a women's gymnasium, to be used at present by both men and women, with a seating capacity of 1,000; and an auto shop building.

The third year revenue will be used to construct a Student Union-Cafeteria, and a classroom-administration building. The building program for the last two years of the five-year period has not as yet definitely congealed.

The planning is based on an ultimate of 5,000 enrollment. As the building proceeds, should it appear that this number will be exceeded, the plot arrangement for buildings will make it possible to increase the facilities for a larger number of students.

### Church Schools

There are five church schools in Inglewood offering at least eight grades of grammar school work. Two are Lutheran, one is Catholic and the others are associated with the Seventh Day Adventist and First Christian Churches, respectively.

A. J. Hintz is principal of the Chapel of Peace Lutheran School which was founded by the church of the same name in 1945. Located at 1009 North Market Street, it has 140 students. Around 200 pupils attend the other school sponsored by this denomination, the Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 900

South Grevillea Avenue. Founded in 1935, this school, which offers kindergarten as well as eight grades of grammar school work is headed by W. A. Uffelman, principal. It is sponsored by the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

#### PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

St. John Chrysostom Church conducts St. John's Catholic School at 120½ South Locust Street. More than 500 pupils are enrolled here in eight grades of grammar school.

Second oldest of the church schools is that conducted by the Seventh Day Adventist Church at Osage and Arbor Vitae Streets which was founded in 1938 and enlarged last year. Mrs. Charles Freese, principal, and two teachers instruct 40 students in eight grades of grammar school.

First Christian Day School offers the widest range of study, accepting pupils from kindergarten through nine grades of regular elementary work. C. E. McClendon is superintendent of this school which was founded in 1945 and now serves around 500 children. Sponsored by the First Christian Church, it is located at 215 East Hillcrest Boulevard.

### Nursery Schools

There are two schools for pre-school children in Inglewood. The first, supervised by the Inglewood City Schools and supported by state funds and fees charged parents, has a capacity of sixty youngsters. Known as the William H. Kelso Nursery School, it is located at 809 East Kelso Street.

The other, the Playtime Nursery School, 220 South Eucalyptus Avenue, is a private school with the capacity for twenty-five children. Youngsters here are accepted up to the age of seven years.

### Private Schools

Inglewood has two private schools, the Children's Foundation at 921 Edgewood Street, and the Inglewood College of Business and Liberal Arts, 426 East Queen Street.

The latter is the older, having been founded in 1933. It offers secretarial, shorthand, bookkeeping, accounting, advertising, English preparatory and review, business management, civil service and salesmanship courses. In addition, it offers special brush-up courses in any subject. With an average enrollment of around seventy-five, it is managed by E. Carl Davis.

Mrs. Alice Suling is president and director of the Children's Foundation which has more than one hundred students in eight grades of grammar school. This is its eighth year in Inglewood.

## **California Flyers School of Aeronautics**

Choosing Inglewood as its site was a natural step in the establishment of California Flyers School of Aeronautics, since it is located at 1720 West Florence Avenue, just .6-mile from the busy Los Angeles Municipal Airport and the adjacent aircraft factories. Founded in 1930, the institution was incorporated five years later as "California Flyers, Inc." On February 26, 1946, a group of employees purchased the company from its founders and re-incorporated as "California Flyers School of Aeronautics." Among the group spearheading purchase and development plans were LeRoy Jarrett, president; Edward S. Noble, secretary-treasurer; K. P. Brockman, registrar; Philip J. Byrd, director of training; Harvey D. Lloyd and Anthony Vai, assistant directors of training.

With the idea in mind of practical education in all phases of Aircraft and Engine mechanics, the 40,000 square feet of classroom area in the main building are augmented by spacious outdoor classrooms where work is completed on "live" aircraft. Emphasis is on application of knowledge gained through instruction, and to this end work is done for private individuals at a minimum of cost, mostly to cover materials. This is not in competition with private industry, but as a school project, and usually takes from four to six months on each plane.

Graduation from the school prepares students for the examination for either the government Aircraft or Engine Mechanics' License, or the combined Aircraft and Engine Mechanics' License, issued by the Civil Aeronautics Administration. The two single courses each require thirty-three weeks or 1320 hours; the combined course is fifty weeks or 2,000 hours, 320 hours over the minimum period required by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

During the war period, from 1940-1943, the school trained more than 5,000 Airforce mechanics to become crew chiefs, and from 1943 to 1946 its activities were confined to building wing sections, nacelles and other components for the Douglas Aircraft Company. Restriction of private flying in the coastal area brought an end to the flight training program carried on prior to that time, and in this post-war period the concentration of attention is again on ground school training. A large proportion of the present students are veterans, receiving their training under the G. I. Bill of Rights, although since the war there have been trainees from many countries, including Puerto Rico, Canada, China and Syria.

## **Chapter XVI**

### **CULTURAL AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Inglewood Elks Lodge 1492**

Inglewood Elks Lodge 1492 was instituted June 21, 1924, in a circus tent rented for the occasion—no hall being large enough to hold the many attending—and set up at the corner of Market Street and Redondo Boulevard (now Florence Avenue).

Fifty-one charter members were initiated by the team and officers of the B.P.O.E 99 of Los Angeles. Grand Lodge officers also witnessed the ceremonies.

Charter officers included the late City Clerk Otto H. Duelke, exalted ruler; J. West Babcock, Thad N. Shaw, Ross O. Porter, Albert J. Coppage, Herbert N. Clarey, Gail Hamilton, Newcomb Condee, O. O. Farmer, Rudolph Liebold, Emerine E. (Hack) Miller, A. V. Ferguson and Alvin S. Doubley.

#### **MET FIRST IN SUTTON BUILDING**

First meeting place was in the George M. Sutton Building. Subsequently, the lodge met at other locations until its present modern and well-equipped structure was occupied June 2, 1938, when Horace C. Follett was exalted ruler. The cornerstone had been laid at 317 South La Brea Avenue and the building dedicated with impressive ceremonies while Sam T. Hill was exalted ruler earlier that year.

Financially, Inglewood Lodge, with its more than 1200 members, is one of the leading organizations in California Elkdom. It not only has no indebtedness, but it also has substantial savings accounts in local financial institutions. Furthermore, it has various issues of war savings and Victory bonds to a total of \$45,500 face value, all of which it is expected to retain until maturity.

During the year ending March 31, 1949, the lodge spent \$7,352.37 for charitable purposes. Included in this was an outlay of \$4,112.98 for a lot and home for a needy veteran. The house couldn't have been built for twice that sum had it not been for materials and labor donated by members.

Other outlays for worthy projects included \$2303.21 for playgrounds and athletic prizes, \$219.63 for machinery and equipment for rehabilitation work at the Sawtelle Veterans Hospital and \$200 to local Boy Scout work.

## CHARITABLE EFFORTS

Under the classification of charity, \$2,455.60 went for relief to needy families, \$140 for summer outings for children, \$75 for milk and ice for infants and \$200 for crippled children. Another item under care of the needy called for an outlay of \$1,290, exclusive of the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets which cost the lodge \$1,346.77. Another \$1,345 was expended for medical aid and hospital care and \$500 for miscellaneous charitable purposes.

The present exalted ruler, Howard Bush, was installed in 1949 by his brother, Leonard, a past exalted ruler and former state president of the antlered herd.

**Inglewood Lodge 421, F. & A. M.**

Delving into this community's past is an interesting pastime (no play upon words intended) and we have been greatly aided by James H. Kew in obtaining authentic data on the beginnings of Inglewood Lodge 421, F. & A. M., which all wearers of the apron know full well means "Free and Accepted Masons."

Kew was Inglewood City Clerk at the time the lodge received its dispensation in January of 1911. Among the charter officers and members were some of the most prominent members of the community of that day, many since gone to their reward.

George E. Wight, senior warden, was an auditor for the Santa Fe, while Freeman H. Bloodgood, prominent attorney, and a member of the Legislature, was junior warden. Wilmot G. (George) Brown, treasurer, was president of the First National Bank of Inglewood, since merged with the Security-First National Bank and in the same building; Albert O. Wight, secretary, was a successful building contractor; the late Arthur W. Cory, chaplain, was a prominent civil engineer who planned the city's sanitary districts and subsequently served as city engineer in two different periods.

## OTHER LEADERS NAMED

Harry Lee Martin, senior deacon, was a leader in the Inglewood Water Company and in other developments here, while Hugh W. Hunt, junior deacon, was the editor of what now is the "Inglewood Daily News."

Other charter officers included J. A. Freeman (no relation to Daniel), marshal; John Aerick and Henry Bieber, stewards, and August F. Oestrich, tiler.

Among the charter members who were also prominent citizens of that day were William H. Kelso, Inglewood's first mayor; L. Oral Calkins, Edward

M. Calkins, Edgar W. Spaulding, W. A. Barr, Charles H. Eager, Earl Bowen, Peter A. Joice and Henry H. Zillgitt.

Inglewood Lodge laid the cornerstone of the present Masonic Temple on Grevillea Avenue July 22, 1933. The structure was dedicated with impressive ceremonies under Grand Lodge auspices.

Cornerstone of the Inglewood City Hall was laid by the local Masonic Lodge in 1923.

In this connection it may be recalled that in the year 1929 the Inglewood Lodge laid the cornerstone of the Adolph Leuzinger High School in Lawndale.

On March 6, 1935, the cornerstone of the new Post Office also was laid by the lodge, with City Attorney Clyde Woodworth officiating for the day as grand orator.

Past masters, besides Kew, have been the late George H. Wright, Albert O. Wight, the late William S. Hudson, John Aerick, the late Frank S. Friend, Horace Hannington, the late Carlos R. Engle, former City Councilman Earl T. Stoops, the late William Dudley, the late Leonard Ruegg, the late Frank A. Taylor, Fred R. Pardee, Louis B. Hardin, Jr., Warren Hall, Walter Ulm, Thomas L. Bennett, the late William Hall, Herbert Thompson, Alonzo V. Miller, Edward S. Lawrence, K. R. Cresswell, Frank Wolter, R. Eugene Dent, George Kinsfather, Robert McGuire, Lu M. Irvine, the late L. G. Leachman, Benjamin F. Cutter, Leonard E. Matson, George W. Yates, Truman Oestrich, Robert Youmans, Ralph B. Memmer, W. T. Grace, I. E. Bartlett, Einar C. Matson, John A. Dull, and Ben C. Darling, incumbent.

### **Fairview Mason Lodge 629**

Y. E. (Ed) Muir, retired captain of the Inglewood Police Department, now is serving his 22nd year as treasurer of the Fairview Masonic Lodge 629. The history of the organization goes back some 24 years, if one begins with the date of dispensation, October 2, 1926. The charter was presented October 14.

Many of the charter officers are well known names in Inglewood. They include Robert M. Overpeck, worshipful master; Charles E. Rebert, senior warden; Fred W. Alguire, junior warden; Arval Sarles, treasurer; D. C. Forsythe, secretary; William H. Dinwiddie, senior deacon; Arthur W. Billings, junior deacon; Don Belding, marshal; Charles Hart, senior steward; Willard B. Freese, junior steward, and Fred E. Baldwin, tiler.

#### **PAST MASTER HONORED**

W. Claude Hudnall, master in 1932, and for whom one of the new and modern Inglewood elementary school buildings is named, was secretary of

Fairview Lodge at the time of his untimely demise in May of 1943. Ben L. Irwin, who was master in 1942, succeeded his longtime friend as secretary, a post he has held ever since.

The lodge now meets at the Angeles Mesa Masonic Temple, although it met at the Inglewood Masonic Temple from the time of its completion in November of 1933 to December of 1940.

Among the 23 masters the lodge has had, the following still are in this vicinity: Merle J. Menges, Horace Arter, Don Butts, John P. Dodge, John P. Kurth and Irwin.

## **Royal Arch Masons**

More than 200 members and wives of Inglewood Chapter 131, Royal Arch Masons, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the chapter in May, 1949, with a banquet at the Masonic Temple. Principal speaker was C. Stanley Chapman of Fullerton, grand high priest of the grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons of California.

Dr. Edward O. Campbell, who has served as treasurer since the start of the chapter in 1924, outlined the history of the chapter and was presented with a life membership.

Dr. Elmer L. Winey presented a calfskin engraved altar Bible to the chapter and Henry Troya presented a silver engraved square and compass inlaid with precious stones.

### **STILL ACTIVE**

Charter members still active are Robert D. Aylsworth, John Aerick, Thomas L. Bennett, John G. Baum, Harry Beaver, George England, S. Roy Green, James P. Hansen, Louis B. Hardin, M. Warren Hall, James S. Howell, Albert O. Helms, Norman S. Pardee, Warren D. Record and Dr. Winey. Present officers are headed by High Priest Alvin J. Jones.

Past High Priests of the local lodge since its inception, with those deceased marked with an asterisk, follow: \*Thomas Sullivan 1924, \*Walter H. Ulm 1925, \*John W. Smiley 1926, Norman S. Pardee 1927, Dr. Elmer L. Winey 1928, Glenn M. Frink 1929, M. Warren Hall 1930, Melvin R. Allen 1931, \*Harry Maguire 1932, Carl B. Marti 1933, William L. Davis 1934, Charles H. Clough 1935, Philip Miller 1936, George W. Yates 1937, Robert O. Youmans 1938, Kenneth R. Cresswell 1939, \*Walter G. Frantz 1940, Richard A. Ahrendts 1941, Benjamin C. Darling 1942, Albert N. Minton 1943, John P. Kurth 1944, Hugo W. Koopman 1945, Roy A. Patterson 1946, George E. Singleton 1947, and Charles H. Mounce 1948.

Robert D. Aylesworth is a Past High Priest by affiliation, and Dr. Edward O. Campbell is an honorary PHP.

### **Shrine Club**

George C. England in 1934 was appointed Potentate's Ambassador of Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, in order to form a Shrine Club here. Knowing of only four or five Shriners living here then, however, England did not push the subject of a club until early in 1938 when he had gotten together 35 eligible Inglewoodians.

The meeting was held at the home of Jerrold A. Stern. Joe Bookman was elected temporary president.

When the charter was issued in 1939, Bookman became the first president. Stern was his successor. Other heads, in their respective order, have been Henry S. Ridings, Frank Wolter, Norman Snedden, Oscar Brodin, Dr. Charles Poulson, Bob Aylsworth, William A. Viner, B. K. Richardson and the incumbent, Vernon P. Spencer.

In the interim, the Inglewood Shrine Club has grown to a membership of around 300. England completes 15 years of ambassadorship in 1949.

During the war years, the club conducted two war bond drives of one day each. On one of these days it sold approximately a quarter million dollars worth of bonds! For one of these, the famed Al Malaikah Band came here for the first time in its history.

### **Inglewood Pyramid of Sciots**

E. S. Dixon, now mayor of Inglewood, was the first toparch of the Inglewood Pyramid of Sciots. Among other first officers were Henry S. Ridings, the late P. Ray Mowrey and D. Scott Field.

Among other old time Sciots are Harry Van Beaver, Jack Taylor, Bill Endter, now president of an oil company in New Jersey; Emerson W. Dawson, Ben Cook and Charley McGinnis.

### **Job's Daughters**

The first meeting of what was to be Inglewood Bethel 56, Job's Daughters, chartered June 11, 1928, was held on April 28 of that year. Charter members, of whom Jewel Faye Crozan was honored queen, met under special dispensation until the issuance of the charter.

Other officers in the charter group were Helen Osborn, Madalin Schwimmer, Doris Brown, Janet Cooper, Vivian Pardee, Eileen Hunt, Florence Ulm, Kathryn Bennett, Virginia Walker, Maisie Crogan, Martha Hall, Elizabeth Charles, Maria Lloyd, Maurine Fisher, Thais Van Norman, Katherine Tow, Frances P. Allen and Artimesia Wilson.

#### ADULTS ASSIST

Blanche E. Brown was first bethel guardian; W. T. Hart, first associate guardian; Hattie A. Pardee, first treasurer, and Lila Brown, first director of music.

Inglewood Bethel 56 has had a steady, consistent growth. The group, of whose present members many are daughters of earlier members, meets at the Masonic Temple, 230 South Grevillea Avenue, the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month.

Shirley Millhouse is the present honored queen. Joyce Edwards and Betty Bowman are senior and junior princesses, respectively. Mrs. Janet Cobb is guardian and her associate is U. J. Edwards.

### **Rainbow Girls**

Inglewood Rainbow Girls held their first meeting October 15, 1946, at the Woman's Clubhouse. The 22 original members all were new to the work of the order. Mrs. Frances Krueger, first Mother Advisor, formed the Inglewood chapter and has remained in that post.

First worthy advisor—ranking officer in the group—was Barbara Brown, who has had the further honor of being named Grand Representative of Arkansas. Mrs. Krueger's daughter, Patricia, has been appointed Grand Lecturer of California. Jacquelin Latham heads the group today.

The Inglewood chapter was granted a charter in 1947. The group meets the first and third Fridays of the month at 1010 Hyde Park Boulevard.

### **Loyal Order of Moose**

The new Moose Lodge Hall at 645 West Arbor Vitae Street was dedicated the first Sunday in June, 1949, with appropriate ceremonies under the direction of the California Moose Association.

Ritual Team 580 of Inglewood initiated a large class in the afternoon, followed at 5 o'clock by a buffet supper served by women of Moose No. 192. The evening was given over to an entertainment program.

## **Inglewood Floral and Dahlia Society**

Stanley Spaulding was first president of the Inglewood Floral and Dahlia Society and the late J. Warren Lane, vice-president, was in charge of the meeting at which the by-laws were accepted in 1932.

A. E. Boyce, secretary, was the other officer on the first staff. The club now is headed by Harry Marshall.

## **Inglewood Symphony Orchestra**

This musical aggregation of seventy Centinela Valley residents made its public debut recently with a concert at Crozier Auditorium. The musical event was sponsored by the Centinela Valley Music Association, of which Vernon P. Spencer is president.

The orchestra, composed largely of professional musicians, is under the direction of its permanent conductor, Dr. Ernst Gebert, who was trained in Europe. He conducted the Berlin Philharmonic at the age of 19 and has made appearances in the Netherlands, Belgium and the Far East.

Alternating as concert masters of the orchestra are Julius Koontz, Sarah Abramson and Elfren Zachs. Madelaine Forthmann, pianist, was soloist at the initial performance.

## **Centinela Garden Club**

With the avowed purpose of forming an adult class for instruction in the technique of gardening and the solving of garden problems, a little group of 14 earnest persons met in the Kelso Street School the evening of February 16, 1934.

This meeting was sponsored by John Raymond of the Inglewood High School farm, who introduced Mrs. Lucy J. Moyers (afterward Mrs. Lucy Graham), garden chairman of the Los Angeles County Federated Clubs, who became first president of the newly formed Centinela Garden Club; vice-president, Benjamin Flueger; secretary, Mrs. Esther Thompson.

### **NO DUES OR FEES**

The club meets weekly, with no dues or fees taken.

The first flower show was held in conjunction with the Inglewood Floral and Dahlia Society August 31 and September 1, 1934, in George M. Sutton's agency display room.

Some pioneers in the Centinela Garden Club movement still are attending meetings. Included are Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moses, Mr. and Mrs. Worsching, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes, Robert Joice, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Betz, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wentworth, Frederic Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Harden Hart. Mrs. Louis E. Grouell has been most active in publicising club activities.

### **Inglewood Country Club**

Center of much of Inglewood's social activity is the Inglewood Country Club at 3424 West Manchester Boulevard, which covers an area of 140 acres. Six hundred members are in its golf club and there is an 18-hole course in addition to practice ranges.

Potrero House, which has a ballroom as well as several dining rooms, has been completely wrecked twice by fire, in 1928 and in 1947. In both cases, it was entirely rebuilt.

### **La Tijera Parlor 282, N.D.G.W.**

Native Daughters of the Golden West, which was organized in 1886, the year before this city was platted, gained an Inglewood parlor in May of 1945 when La Tijera Parlor 282 was instituted. Named for Rancho Cienega o Paso de la Tijera (Pass of the Scissors) which cuts through the Baldwin Hills, La Tijera Parlor was organized for the purpose of drawing together the California-born women in Inglewood and closely surrounding area to carry out the aims and objects of the statewide group which is the oldest women's patriotic organization in this state.

Preservation of California history and landmarks and participation in civic affairs are its main functions. In the event that buildings and places already have lost their identity, the groups mark the spot with an historical explanation of the event which took place there. Every effort has been expended to capture in writing the glorious deeds of the pioneers who struggled to make California into an incomparable land.

#### **STATION FIRST MARKED**

First local spot to be marked was the Santa Fe Station, erected in 1887. This marking was held in May of 1947 with the grand president presenting the marker to the Santa Fe on behalf of the local parlor. Many early Inglewood residents attended and added to the station's lore.

The second marking was that of the "Little Red Schoolhouse" which stood where the present administration building of the Inglewood City Schools now

is situated. Again the grand president presented the marker, this time to Dr. Robert Cralle, superintendent of schools. Following the marking, a tea for Inglewood pioneers was held in the Girl Scout Little House.

Frances Lilly of Inglewood, entered in the queen contest at the State Admission Day Parade in Long Beach on September 9, 1947, was crowned Queen of the Golden West, under sponsorship of La Tijera Parlor.

#### RETAIN LA TIJERA NAME

Early in 1948, a citizen's group in Westchester petitioned to change the name of La Tijera Boulevard to Westchester. Upon the protest of La Tijera Parlor, the name was retained by the County Board of Supervisors.

In May of this year, the parlor presented a large picture of Andrew B. Bennett to the school which bears his name.

A dance group to preserve the authentic dances of early California was formed by the parlor in 1946 with Gabriel Ruiz in charge.

In the four years since its founding, La Tijera Parlor has participated widely in civic events, in addition to supporting several philanthropies of its own. Outstanding among these was the "adoption" of 14 infants under the Native Sons and Native Daughters of the Golden West Adoption Agency. One of two adoption agencies licensed by the State, the grand parlors' project places children for adoption in foster homes. The local parlor provided funds to care for 14 of these babies until such a time as they were adopted.

#### CHARTER MEMBERS NAMED

Charter officers of the local parlor were Lila Stevenson, president; Helen Brandt, Winifred Tonkin, Maxiene Porter, Lenore Eberle, Ruth Duley, Hattie Clark, Katherine Manson, Jennie Baum, Geraldine Frobisher, Elsie Lou Brandt, Vera Warnell, Ruth Payne, Leyla DeBrunner and Angelina Latasa.

Other charter members were Anita Anderson, Aurora Ardanaz, Mildred Bernhard, Effie Brooks, Vivian Cai, Nell Carmichael, Juanita Crumley, Barbara DeBrunner, Edna DeBrunner, Loraine DeBrunner, Cleo Demick, Dora Dinwiddie, Artemia Donaldson, Gladys Dulmage, Mae Ellerman, Myrtle Fahrion, Ida Fischer, Sherma Griffith, Patricia Hansen, Phyllis Hansen, Margaret Harris, Marjorie Jones, Pauline Jones, Dorothy Knapp, Alicia Lansdowne, Eugenia Latasa, Patricia Lawing, Clara Lewis, Grace Lofton, Annie Luchsinger, Bly Lunch, Shirley McDonald, Katherine Nixon, Jennie Ober, Janie Pardee, Margaret Payne, Madelene Pierce, Emily Pedersen, Hazael Phillips, Edith Quinn, Alice Redmon, Gertrude Redmon, Glorencia Reif, Gwen Rice, Emily Riley, Blanch Simons, Edith Soman, Helen Sunday, Velma Switzer, Evelyn Tomes, Catherine Tracy, Patricia Van Wig, Ynez Ward, Margaret Wear and May Zimmerman. Mrs. Soman now is Mrs. Ben Fairbrother.

## **Inglewood-South Bay Bar Association**

The Inglewood-South Bay Bar Association began as the Inglewood Bar Association in December of 1926 when City Attorney Clyde Woodworth invited 10 local attorneys to breakfast at the Rainbow Inn. (As to whether Woodworth paid the check or it was a Dutch treat meal, deponent sayeth not).

As the result of this strictly legal gathering, the city attorney was appointed temporary president and Vernon P. Spencer, temporary secretary.

Newcomb Condee and William Wellington Farrow were named to frame a constitution and by-laws to be ready for presentation at an organization meeting early in the new year.

### **OTHERS NAMED**

The 10 attorneys at the initial meeting included in addition to those already mentioned, Frank D. Parent, Ernest M. Mansur, Charles T. Woodbury, the late Judge A. F. Monroe, the late J. Gordon Mills and the late Garner White.

At the organization meeting, Woodworth was elected president; Condee, first vice-president; Mansur, second vice-president; Spencer, secretary; White, treasurer; Mills, Judge Monroe, Farrow, Parent and Woodbury, all directors.

## **Inglewood Board of Realtors**

The Inglewood Board of Realtors—successor to the Inglewood Realty Board, whose founding is described in this book in the chapter dealing with the early '20s—is now incorporated.

Membership today consists of 147 realtors, three salesmen members and three honorary members, Lloyd P. Hamilton, Hal Maher and Carl F. Blaker.

The present Municipal Court Judge Frank D. Parent not only served as the charter president of the Inglewood Board, but he also served two more successive terms and with the same board secretary, Sanford M. Anderson.

Other officers and secretaries through the years: Lee S. Hake and Mrs. Minnie Baum were president and secretary respectively for 1925 and 1926. The late Harvey D. Moseley for 1928 and 1929, Ernest M. Mansur for 1930, the late George L. Cleaver for 1931, with Mrs. Baum continuing as secretary until the close of his term. C. B. Perkins was the 1932 president with the late H. J. Anderson as secretary. Sam T. Hill served as president for two terms, 1933 and 1934, with E. M. McGough as secretary in both terms.

Carl P. Sheddan then served four successive terms, from 1935 through 1938, with McGough as secretary in his first two years and E. W. Dawson for the second two. Then came 1939 with McGough as president and Dawson secretary. Then for 1940 and 1941 Dawson was president and Hill secretary.

Jack R. Williams was another two-termers, for 1942 and 1943, with Hill continuing as secretary. Norine Dawson served two terms, 1944 and 1945, with Harry Colmer as secretary. With Eula Mae Hubbard as secretary, Lester B. Zillgitt was the 1948 president.

The late Leonard A. Harvey was the 1947 president, with Mrs. Hubbard as secretary. Mark E. Todd was the 1948 president with Frank Shipper secretary. Gilbert A. Reiling is the 1949 incumbent, with John R. Williams as secretary and Frank Shipper as executive secretary.

During this year the board has established a permanent office with Shipper in charge at 163 North La Brea Avenue.

### **Centinela Theater Guild**

One of Inglewood's newer cultural organizations is the Centinela Theater Guild, of which Joe Sipe, Jr., is director. Presentation of Philip Barry's "Holiday" in June, 1949, was the group's second appearance. Earlier the Guild presented "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Leading lady and active in coaching is Virginia Rice Peters.

### **Inglewood Woman's Club**

Early history of this important feminine group has been covered in the proper chapters of this book.

February 26, 1942, the final \$2,500 worth of bonds of the \$7,000 sold to various interested members 17 years before when the clubhouse was erected, were redeemed at a gala dinner party. Raymond V. Darby had the pleasure of playing "paymaster."

Officers in 1948-49 were Mrs. J. W. Murphy, president; Mrs. James A. Sturgis, Mrs. Smith MacMullin, Mrs. Emma McMickle, Mrs. Gilbert Baxter and Mrs. Ezra Richards, vice-presidents; Mrs. Harry Winters, recording secretary; Mrs. Courtney Dean Keith, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edwin W. Dean, federation secretary, and Mrs. Obert Dale, treasurer.

Mrs. Murphy's predecessors over the past few years have been Mmes. Cecil O. Garton, Carl E. Hammer, Charles C. Jacobs, J. E. Tuller, Roy Anderson, Dan B. Wise, Russell Zillgitt, Leland Dye, George C. Schneider, Herbert K. Smith, Albert E. Rogers, Paul L. Beemer, Harry D. Tompkins, and L. M. Myer. The late Mrs. H. P. Riley served in 1931.

## Chapter XVII

### STREET NOMENCLATURE

#### Names, as Well as Boundaries, Change

*(Walter E. Kennedy, city engineer, prepared from official maps the following account of some of the street name and boundary changes which have occurred in Inglewood since 1888. No slave to its Spanish heritage, Inglewood is singularly free from the Arroyas, the Caminos and the Paseos which dot most Southern California civic maps. Nor did she find in street nomenclature—with the exception of her founder, Daniel Freeman, and her first mayor, William H. Kelso—a suitable way of paying tribute to her great men and pioneers. Rather, she turned to nature for the majority of her street names at first, being rather hard put for inspiration at times, you'll note, in such as Nettle, Dandelion, Mango and even Nightshade.*

*The Poultry Colony played its role in street naming also, you'll find, with Wyandotte, Orpington and Leghorn each included. Early maps showed no street at all at what is now La Brea Avenue, while present-day Florence Avenue went under a trio of names as it passed through the city.—Eds.)*

"The Map of the Townsite of Inglewood was prepared by William Ham Hall for The Centinela Inglewood Land Company, George Sandow, draughtsman, and was recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, in 1888.

"It was bounded on the west by Freeman Avenue, on the north by a line which was a short distance north of what is now Centinela Avenue as far as Field Avenue (then Evergreen Street) from there east the north line was as per street (now 64th Street); on the east the boundary was Prairie Avenue and was shown as a straight line from the north boundary to the south boundary which was Arbor Vitae Street.

#### UP, DOWN AND ALL AROUND

"Around the border of the town there were some right angle north and south and east and west streets. However, on the inside was an octagonal design

with one street 140 feet wide. A portion of this street known as Redondo Avenue followed the present Hillcrest Boulevard to Inglewood Avenue, then went northwest to what is now Oak Street; thence north to what is now Florence Avenue (then Morado Street); across the Santa Fe Railroad (then the California Central Railway) the street name changed to Centinela Avenue and went first northwesterly to about the intersection of Hyde Park Boulevard and the Pacific Electric (then part of the California Central) the road then went northeasterly to the existing Centinela Avenue and followed it back to Florence.

"Paralleling the diagonal portion of Centinela Avenue were Beech Avenue, Date Street, Elder Avenue, Fern Avenue and remaining today Grosvenor, Hazel and Ivy. Other streets in this northwest portion of Inglewood were Capesella, Dahlia, Elatine, Fuchsia, Kauri, Linden, Ironwood, Hemlock, Golden-thread, Green, Grove, English, Guava, Viola and Vine.

#### DANDELION, TOO

"In the northeast corner of the map are the names Aspen, Begonia, Citrus, Dandelion, Eden, Bovard, College, West Avenue and East Avenue, the last two being on the two sides of a parcel marked 'University of Southern California, Freeman College of Applied Sciences.'

"North and south streets in the southern section mainly followed the A B C's and usually were trees. Along the north side of Arbor Vitae we find Ash, Birch, Celosia, Dahlia, Damask, Eucalyptus, Fir, Grevillea, Idlewild (no street at present La Brea), Java, Larch, Myrtle, Nightshade (now Flower), Osage, Prairie.

"Going northerly along Freeman Avenue we find Arbor Vitae, Buckthorn, Lemon, Mango, Nectar, Orange, Pimiento (now Manchester Boulevard), then Queen and Regent (unchanged). Other streets in this area were Saffron, Lorenia and Catalpa.

#### BOULEVARD LOST

"After the boom of 1888 to 1890, many of these streets which had never been actually laid out or improved but were only on paper were vacated by the County so that the land went back into acreage and our 140 foot Boulevard or Race Track was lost to us. Later new streets in new locations were opened by new subdivisions. The original map showed no crossings of the railroad or Centinela Creek at La Brea or Eucalyptus.

"La Brea Avenue and La Brea Drive were shown as Commercial Street and did not exist north of the railroad or south of Spruce Street.

"Florence Avenue was Los Angeles Street to Grevillea Avenue. West of

Grevillea to Oak, it was Orchard Street. West of Oak, it was Morado Street. Later it all became Redondo Boulevard and recently Florence Avenue.

"Redondo Avenue was made Hillcrest Boulevard to Grevillea Avenue and that portion west of Grevillea was abandoned and later opened up by deeds and condemnation proceedings and named Park Avenue, later changed to Hillcrest Boulevard.

"Nettle Avenue is now Eastwood. Mango was changed to Kelso. What is now Grace Avenue was Inglewood Avenue.

"Later, when Inglewood began to grow again, in about 1905, the northwest portion of the town was divided into what was known as the Inglewood Poultry Colony and the following streets appeared—Orpington (now Glenway Drive), Wyandotte (now Inglewood Avenue), Leghorn (now Beach), West Road (now Venice Way), South Road (Hyde Park), North Road (Victor Avenue).

"This gives some idea of the streets and their names in Inglewood of the past."

## **Chapter XVIII**

### **IT DID HAPPEN HERE**

#### **Monument to a Dog and Other Unusual Features**

Many newcomers may be a bit curious about that bronze monument and small-animal drinking fountain that stands at the head of the central parking on Hillcrest Boulevard in front of the Postoffice. Most of you, dear readers, are aware that this is the only monument to a dog, raised by popular subscription (the monument, not the dog) in the entire United States. And thereby hangs a tale, a sort of dog's tale, as it were, seems as though.

The monument was dedicated with solemn rites, the then Mayor Raymond V. Darby, who had been a generous contributor to the fund, presiding. The bronze likeness of the faithful animal, as well as the bronze plaque below, were provided by the late exceptionally generous Leonard Ruegg. The base was designed and constructed by George Chambers.

The plaque reads:

"Sacred to the memory of Penelope (called Rex), a faithful dog which followed the mail carrier on Route Fifteen daily for more than 13 years."

"This fountain was erected through popular subscriptions received from citizens and friends to animals. November 25, 1939."

Speaker of the day was Mrs. Rosamond Wright, president of the American Animal Defense League. The local Post of the V. F. W., of which the mail carrier, the late Lorenz Prader, was a member, even dipped its flag to the memory of the faithful animal.

Prader, who succumbed not long after, said that day that he estimated that "Rex" had trudged some 60,000 miles with him during those 13 years, rain or shine. Among the many who mourned the loss of the animal were Drs. Elmer and Eva Winey who almost daily gave "Rex" a handout. She had belonged to a neighbor, but had forsaken him for a more general acquaintance.

## **Flying Pies, Not Saucers**

Inglewood, where something unusual is always happening, turned in some sort of a world record in August of 1947, when two of its local residents were hit by a pie dropped from a plane.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire W. Parker, 621 South Osage Avenue, were in their living room with some friends, all dressed up to go dancing, when their clothing suddenly was splashed through the screen door with a red liquid. Police soon discovered that it was not blood and subsequent investigation proved it to have been a fruit pie evidently dropped by a passing plane.

The flavor of the pie—given the Inglewoodians so unceremoniously by the unknown flier—as you may have guessed, was raspberry!

## **London Fire Chief Feted**

Inglewood came into the international limelight during the 1948 Fire Prevention Week when, due to the original idea of Capt. William Fox of the Inglewood Fire Department, the chief of the London (England) Fire Brigade, Frederick William Delve, was the guest of this city. Chief Delve proved to be a bluff and hearty English gentleman who made friends for himself and his country as soon as he stepped from the gangplank of a plane and was welcomed by Inglewood residents.

Among these were Chief Bacil Roberts of the Inglewood Fire Department, who drove the bright new department aerial truck right up to the plane, Mayor E. S. Dixon, Walter E. Keefe, president of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce; Dorothy Dye, Chamber manager; Milton Gardner, chairman of the Chamber's Fire Prevention Committee; Captain Fox, and many others.

The visiting chief was tendered several luncheons and a number of private parties while here, including a barbecue at the Gardner estate, a novel experience for the visitor. Tours of motion picture studios, visits to fire departments in Los Angeles and Long Beach also were included. The chief was reported as having tears in his eyes when he picked his first orange. A gallon pitcher of orange juice, clinking with ice cubes, regaled him at Inglewood Fire Department Headquarters.

Throughout the recent war the London chief had, including regular firemen and auxiliaries, 330,000 men and 50,000 women, under his command. He showed astounding motion pictures of the 1940 Blitz, when more than 2,000 fires set by bombs and incendiaries were blazing at once. Also films detailing the organization and methods used in coping with the blitz and with the subsequent "buzz bomb" attacks. These films were shown the general

public at the Academy Theater and at a breakfast given by the Chamber of Commerce.

### **Typical President's "Day"**

Leonard Matson's initial meeting as president of the Kiwanis Club in January of 1943 literally went off with a bang. Begun in the spirit of good, clean fun, everything went haywire from the start. Announcing his theme as "My Day," he was immediately addressed as "Madame President," or just plain "Eleanor."

Cannon crackers and smaller crackers went off under his chair. A real police siren, procured no one knows how or where by two banker members, Al Roe and Roland E. Robbins, piercingly interrupted his remarks. A gavel, with a head definitely as large as a keg, with which the new president, suspecting some shenanigans, had armed himself, failed to quell the uproar, albeit its weight required both hands to wield it. Alarm clocks and a double fire alarm gong's clanging added to the din.

#### **DUAL ROLE**

Mayor Raymond V. Darby in his dual role as proprietor of the Gold Cup, where the club meets, and as mayor, shouted, "Don't you know there's an ordinance against firecrackers and sirens?"

This hint failing, a few minutes later in burst a posse of police, headed by Inglewood's hardest-boiled cop, Oscar Campbell.

"Hi, Oscar!" cried the clubmen, unimpressed and unafraid.

"We got orders to make arrests here if this noise doesn't quiet down," he announced between explosions.

"Take the president; he's responsible," was the response.

"Are you kiddin'?", retorted Matson, just like Leroy on the radio. Officer Campbell's parting word as he backed out was, "If we have to come back again, we'll get a wagon load."

"Unless Robbins and Dan Wise clean up this mess," warned the mayor and proprietor at the close of the meeting, "none of you guys get Kansas butter on your bread at the next meeting."

### **"Wight" and "Wong"**

Residents of the Morningside Park area should know the difference between "Wight and Wong," in that two men of that name are occupied within a couple of blocks of each other in the Manchester Boulevard business section.

These are Hal Wight, Citizens Trust and Savings Bank manager, and Wong, who conducts a Chinese laundry.

While Wight was serving out the unexpired term of the late City Councilman, Stanley A. Tryce, on his stipulation that he would not run for election, he hastened the construction of the \$10,200 traffic safety installation at Crenshaw Boulevard-Crenshaw Drive, the costliest in the city's history, the councilman suggested to City Engineer Walter E. Kennedy that there be a sign over the traffic island indicating the "Wight and the Wong" way!

### **"War Comes Home"**

"War Comes Home" is the way Inglewood Police Officer Roy Linfield headed the entry in his diary under date of Wednesday, February 5, 1942. That was the long-remembered "attack" for which the Army and Navy Departments of that time never had any satisfactory explanation. And, in fact, their stories are widely divergent, if not contradictory.

Officer Linfield recalls that he had gone home to bed and was fast asleep when he, as well as practically every other citizen was awakened by the racket of gunfire. He dashed into his uniform and hastened to his previously assigned post of duty, at the Manchester Boulevard and Market Street intersection, as he now recalls it. So did all other regular and volunteer defense forces.

The alert, or red signal, according to local records, went on at 3:15 a.m. It was on until 7:30 a.m. At 8 a.m. there was another "alert," which lasted until 8:30 a.m.

Local citizens, rudely awakened by the shooting, gazed out to see the sky full of the streaking fire of tracer bullets.

The firing, as seen from high vantage points here, seemed to begin with the anti-aircraft guns over toward Santa Monica, and then in a sort of semi-circle around the coast to the forts in the harbor area. Many perforations from fuses and other bits of shrapnel riddled some roofs, while residents had a field day later in gathering up these evidences of warfare.

Other "alerts" came in the war years, particularly the one on the day a Jap destroyer lobbed a shell or two into the vicinity of the oil field north of Santa Barbara.

### **Petrachrome Wall**

Said to be the only petrachrome mural of its kind in the United States, a revival of European mediaeval art, is the \$40,000 wall in Centinela Park along Florence Avenue, the work done under the auspices of the W.P.A. South-

ern California Art Project. The \$40,000 was from federal funds, but the city paid the Inglewood Park Cemetery \$3,500 for the site on which an old barn used to be.

"History of Transportation—erected 1940 by City of Inglewood in memory of the Pioneers of the Centinela Valley.

"Designer, Helen Lundeberg, W.P.A. Southern California Art Project," reads a plaque set up in front of the long wall which portrays the history of transportation from the earliest forms to that of air travel.

The petrachrome process, ground rock in various colors, and laid in layers that carry these colors through from one side to the other, was in progress about a year. The wall is 241 feet long and seven feet five inches high. It also is one foot 3½ inches thick, according to Park Foreman Stuart Lehman.

## **Second Snow**

Inglewood's second snow in a generation, and the first for 17 years since that of January 15, 1932, fell the evening and early morning hours of January 10 and 11, 1949. A feature observed on this occasion that didn't occur in the previous snow was that the Palos Verdes Hills, except those fronting the coast, also were covered with a snow blanket that didn't disappear for two or three days. Most of the Inglewood precipitation disappeared by noon or soon after.

Inglewood Daily News of January 11 reads in part as follows:

"Snow men appeared for the first time in 17 years in the Inglewood area when approximately an inch of powdery, white snow turned the area into a Christmas card scene."

Mention also was made of complaints to police of children snowballing passing cars. A snowman appeared but soon melted away in the middle of Manchester Boulevard and Prairie Avenue intersection. The snow was or seemed to look deeper in the Morningside Park section. The snow was preceded by rain, then sleet. The ensuing freezing weather did great damage to much of the local sub-tropical trees, flowers and shrubbery.

## **Pony Express Race**

After being occupied almost for "the duration" by army units, Centinela Park eventually was turned back to the city and a formal reopening celebration was held Sunday, April 22, 1945. This was widely announced as "the Trail Blazer-Pony Express Race, from Redondo Beach to Centinela Park, Inglewood," according to cachets or "covers" mailed under that date and carried by intrepid riders, then postmarked and sent through regular mail channels.

Mayor E. S. (Dick) Dixon and other notables participated in the elaborate program, and Norman Walter Garrison, "Citizen" publisher, was in charge of the many and thrilling equestrian events, including an exhibition of tent-pegging by the famed North American Flying Horsemen Troop in command of the redoubtable Capt. Gordon Throne. George Gerken of North American Engineering Department is the present captain of the troop.

Hundreds of horsemen and horsewomen, including many film notables, took part in the colorful proceedings.

After long negotiations, the army finally paid the city approximately \$72,000 to compensate for damage done the park during army occupation. This sum since has been used for rehabilitating its lawns, flower beds and other facilities.

### **Forty Steers for Feed**

The 1949 Annual Beefsteak Feed at the Inglewood Masonic Temple required no less than 40 steers to provide the steaks, according to Ernie P. Miller of the committee. There are only about 15 of these prime juicy steaks to a side, it was explained, or 30 per steer.

### **Escrow Officer Lauded**

Guy Rice, retired escrow officer of the Inglewood Branch of the Security-First National Bank, who served in that capacity for more than 20 years, was the subject of a syndicated column by Dale Carnegie, author of "How to Make Friends and Influence People."

The column states that Rice had handled some 14,944 real estate deals, and, in trying to get warring parties together, he had been instrumental in the remarriage of six couples! "Blessed are the peacemakers," says the Good Book.

### **G. A. R. Veteran Rides**

The late Charles A. McDonald, Civil War Veteran and one of the last surviving members of Stanton Post 55, G. A. R., rode horseback at the head of a division in the first of the Centinela Day parades when 90 years of age.

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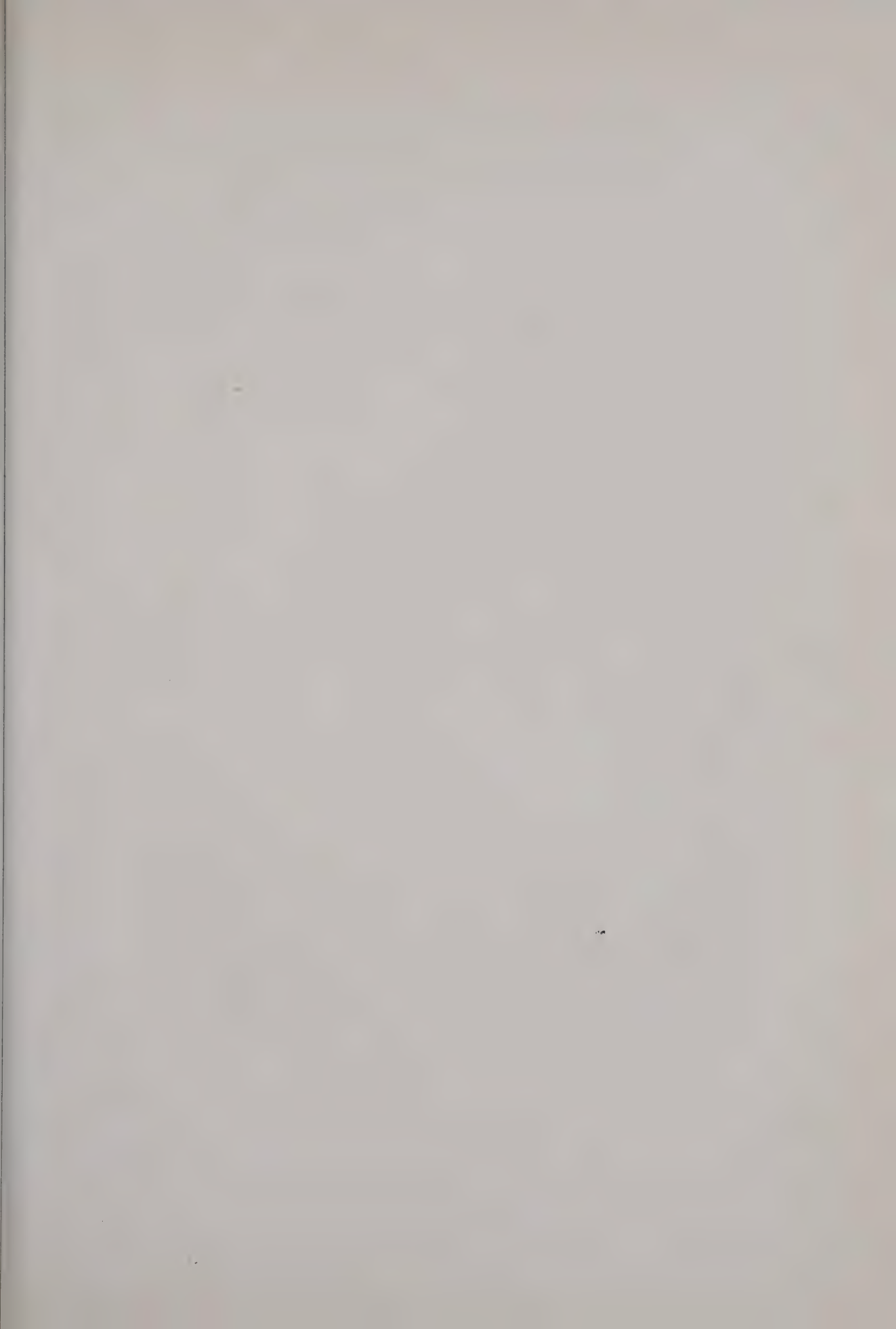
The late Albert Lindberg, Inglewood pioneer photographer, returned to his home town of Kewanee, Illinois, and brought back with him no less than 17 other persons to settle here.

### **Arthur Badenoch Leaves**

Arthur Badenoch, 35 years Inglewood High School coach and widely known as an athletics official throughout the Southwest, on his recent retirement was tendered a farewell feast at Centinela Park, at the instance of Leonard Bush, once the greatest baseball player of the school. Badenoch was heaped with praise and valuable gifts, this being on the eve of his departure for a vacation and to assume a new post as athletic director for the University of Arizona at Tucson.

# **BIOGRAPHICAL**







RAYMOND V. DARBY

## **Raymond V. Darby**

Long regarded as a foremost citizen, not only of Inglewood alone, but of the state of California, Raymond V. Darby, four years an Inglewood City Councilman, fourteen years Mayor of the city, Supervisor of Los Angeles County since 1944, and chairman of the board for two of those years, is entitled to a place of unusual importance in any historical and biographical book of Inglewood. During all these years of his residence in California, Mr. Darby has been active in one way or another in furthering the growth and development and prosperity of Inglewood and the southwest section of Los Angeles County. Elected Supervisor at the Primaries in 1944, the first non-incumbent ever to be elected at the Primaries, he was re-elected to this important office in 1948, and served as chairman for the years 1947-48. Now in his fifth year as Supervisor, he has become known for his progressive thinking, and he has helped initiate many civic projects, including the policy of saving the beaches for public use and acquiring as much ocean frontage as possible from private ownership. This plan is now state-wide and has developed into a ten million dollar program.

Mr. Darby was born in Washington, Kansas, on December 11, 1896, son of Rezin and Eva Darby. He attended public schools at Washington, and earned his A.B. at the University of Kansas, working his way through the University. Following graduation, he became a field geologist in his home state. In 1920 he went to Wyoming, where he homesteaded 320 acres of land near the community of Douglas. Subsequently, he joined the Navy and served as a seaman during World War I. He was organizer and charter member of Los Angeles American Legion Post No. 810.

He came to California in 1922, and to Inglewood in 1924, and entered business for himself. At the present time he operates three businesses in addition to his County duties. He purchased a home immediately upon coming to Inglewood, and indicated his faith in the community by erecting fourteen home-apartments in the Inglewood Heights district, and since this time he has continued building on a very large scale, and is one of the largest, if not the largest, property owner in the Morningside Park area. Currently, he is a director and officer in several corporations and is rated as an exceptionally astute business man in addition to being a tried and proven public official of unusual ability.

During Mr. Darby's long tenure in office on the City Council and his fourteen years of service as Mayor, he literally worked day and night, week after week, for the benefit of the city. During the depression of the thirties,

he practically engaged in a one-man campaign with government agencies and bureaus in order to obtain their approval for work projects in the community. The \$60,000 Veterans Memorial building stands as a monument to Mr. Darby's determination. Twice abandoned by the federal government, it was Mayor Darby who insisted that it be completed.

He sponsored scores of projects which brought to Inglewood improvements which normally would have cost the taxpayers more than a million dollars. Centinela Park came into full bloom during his early administration, and has had his sympathetic cooperation and interest. He is largely responsible for obtaining the \$50,000 swimming pool and bath house for adults in that location, another federal-aid project. Sewers were laid, water mains provided, curbs and gutters established, highways improved, streets and sidewalks laid, as a result of his determination to provide work projects for this community.

He served, by reason of his official capacity, as a director for the County Sanitation district, and was active in the California League of Municipalities, serving as president of the Los Angeles County division for one year.

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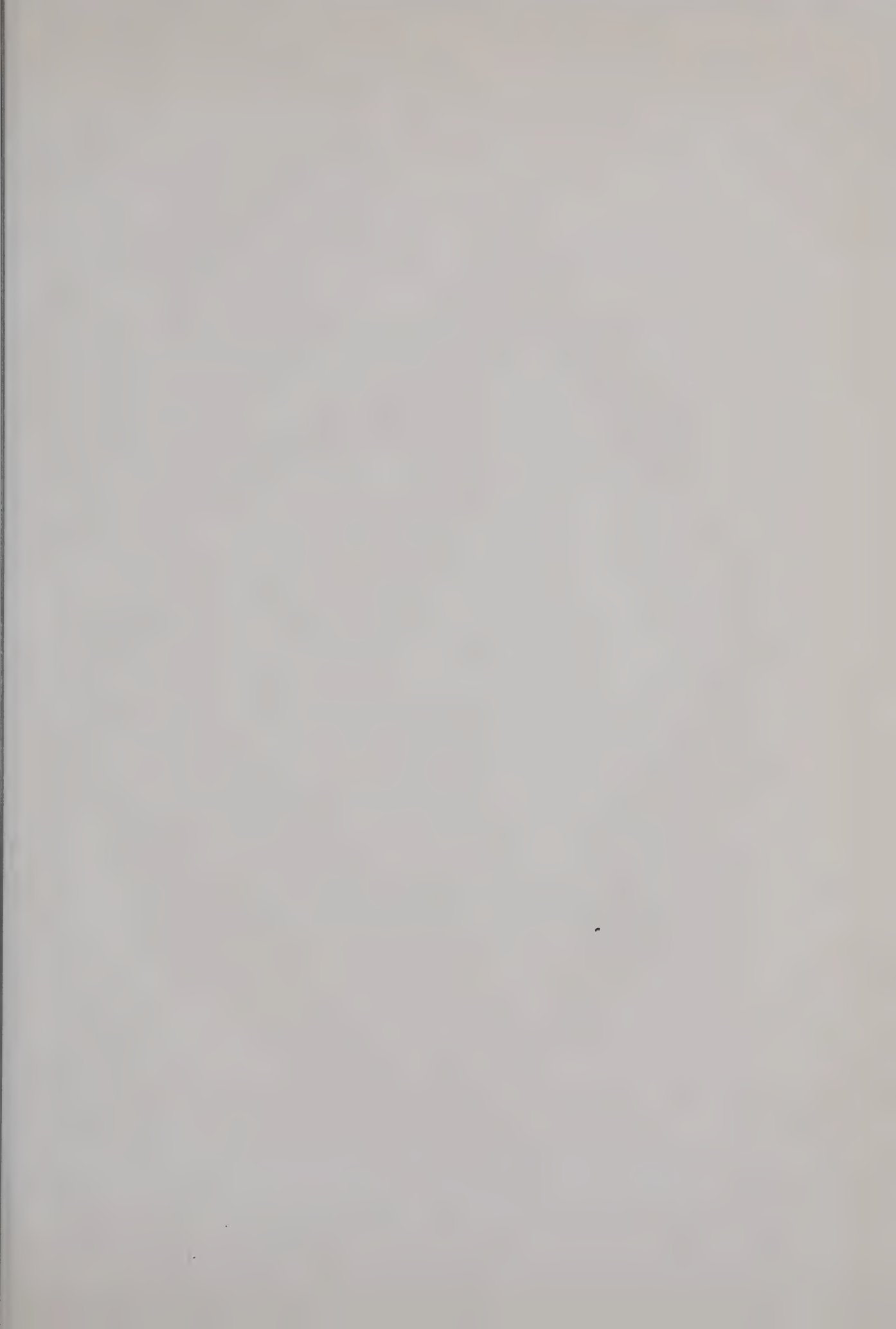
He was the Republican nominee for Congress in 1936, receiving more votes in the general election than any other Republican whose candidacy was opposed that year in California. He failed of election in a year when Democrats were being returned to Congress to uphold the hands of President Roosevelt.

Mr. Darby's campaign for the Republican nomination for United States Senator from California was recently launched in Inglewood, and his many friends in this area have pledged their allegiance to him. High hopes are maintained that Inglewood may have the distinction of electing one of its citizens to the United States Senate in 1950. Well known throughout Southern California, and even in other parts of the state, as a champion of righteousness, Mr. Darby is held in high regard and esteem by all who know him.

As Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, he was instrumental in having the County take over all the airports declared surplus by the Government. He is an advocate of the use of the paved portion of the Los Angeles River as a major freeway between the San Fernando Valley and the ocean, and wide recognition has been given of his plan to study reclamation of ocean water for some domestic purposes.

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On the personal side, he is married to the former Ivey Forbes, who was an instructor in Leuzinger High School, and he has four children: Helen, Raymond, Robert and Betty, both sons serving in the recent World War. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Al Malaikah Temple of the Shrine, the Elks Lodge, the American Legion and the First Methodist Church in Inglewood.





NEVILLE S. REDMON

## Neville S. Redmon

Neville S. Redmon, of the Darby-Redmon Company, is the active head of one of the most substantial and fastest growing real estate and insurance organizations in the Inglewood area. Established as recently as October, 1946, the Darby-Redmon firm has in the course of the past three years handled an exceedingly large amount of business and, due to Mr. Redmon's background and experience, the business has had the benefit of unusually capable management.

A native of Lemars, Iowa, Mr. Redmon was born January 31, 1900, son of Willie N. and Mabel A. Redmon. His late father was formerly engaged in farming in South Dakota and, moving to Redondo Beach, he was in business there and a member of the City Council. His son graduated from high school there and resided in that city prior to entering business in Inglewood.

Neville Redmon is a graduate of the University of Southern California law school, and has also taken courses in education at U. C. L. A. He was employed in Torrance for a time and later entered the automobile business in Redondo with his father, continuing until 1923, when they sold out. Then, for a period of four years, he engaged in the men's clothing business in Redondo. He subsequently became the owner of the Redondo Beach Country Club, which he operated until 1930, and then took a teaching position at the Leuzinger High School in auto repair and machine shop. It was during this period that he took part-time courses at U. C. L. A. to obtain his teaching credentials. In 1935, he was made head of the Leuzinger High School Shop Department and in 1937 was advanced to boys' counselor, and had attendance work for the district added to his duties. In 1939 he was made boys' vice principal of Leuzinger.

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In December, 1940, Mr. Redmon was placed in charge of national defense training in the area in charge of the Inglewood high school district program of the State Department of Education. He developed this program to the second largest in the state and among other things trained and placed 125 deaf mutes in war work. Mr. Redmon was also able to secure about \$200,000 worth of equipment with federal funds and this equipment has remained in the Inglewood system.

In November, 1942, Mr. Redmon decided he could serve the war effort better by accepting a position where he was in charge of training at the San Bernardino air field of the U. S. Army Air Force. Here he was in charge of training of civilian and enlisted men in repairing all types of aircraft and aircraft accessories. He also instigated the first on-the-job training program, which was later accepted, along with a text book he had written, as a standard for the Army Air Force all over the nation.

At the peak, Mr. Redmon had 250 supervisors on the job as instructors and 10,000 employees receiving training on the job.

With the return of peace, Mr. Redmon returned to this area, determined to have his own business, and this decision resulted in the new firm. He left active service in May, 1946, and was officially separated October 1, 1946.

The choice of real estate and insurance as a profession was influenced by the fact that Mr. Redmon had engaged in the insurance business on a part-time basis for the past twelve years.

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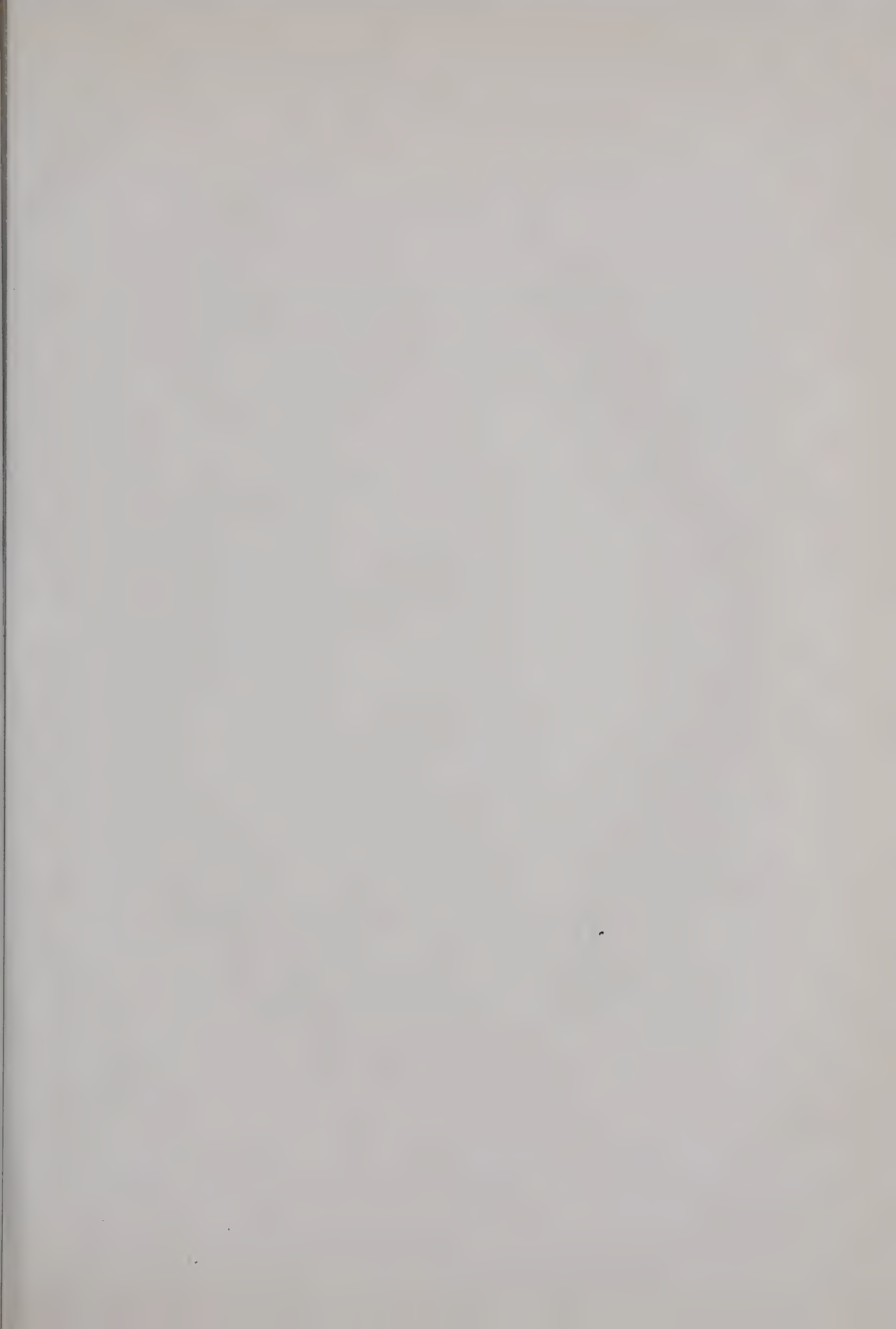
The Darby-Redmon Company are sales agents for several important developments, including the Gold Medal Tract, an industrial subdivision located southwest of Inglewood, and they are about to place upon the market an important group of twenty-four business lots located on the north side of Manchester Boulevard, west of Eleventh Avenue. The firm completed the sale of most of the unsold lots of Regent Circle tract in Inglewood, which was subdivided during the war, and has resold many of these lots. To take care of the growing business of the firm, a branch office has recently been opened at 1301 North La Brea, in the center of this rapidly growing part of Inglewood.

In addition to his business, Mr. Redmon has been active in community work. His activity includes Past Master of Redondo Beach F. and A. M., Past High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, advisor to De Molay from 1925 to 1930, and helping organize the Inglewood chapter; Commandery, Shrine, Inglewood Shrine Club, and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Hawthorne. He was formerly chairman of the Hawthorne Coordinating Council, serving in 1938, and was Scoutmaster of the Lawndale Council of Boy Scouts from 1932 to 1936. During the war, he was Assistant Cub Master in 1944 and Cub Master in 1945.

Mr. Redmon is currently first vice-president of the Inglewood Board of Realtors and a member of the board of directors of the California Real Estate Association. He is secretary-treasurer of the Inglewood Shrine Club, and holds the Cross of Honor award for outstanding DeMolay work. As a hobby, he has worked on juvenile delinquency problems with the Juvenile Department of the Sheriff's Office.

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Mr. Redmon was married in 1929 and has two boys, Norman and Rowland. His wife, Vesta, is prominent in music circles and spent eight seasons with the Los Angeles-San Francisco grand opera, was soloist of the Hollywood Congregational church for four years, and has done singing in the movies.





ANDREW B. BENNETT

## Andrew B. Bennett

A member of a pioneer distinguished family of the Centinela Valley and an outstanding figure in Inglewood for many years, the late Andrew B. Bennett left a name and reputation which will long be remembered in this part of Southern California. Active as a farmer, businessman and public-spirited citizen, he was a person of high ideals, exceptional intelligence, and broad altruism. He was a civic leader whose judgment and advice were frequently sought and he was universally liked and respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Bennett was born January 10, 1876, on his father's old farm, which was located in the southwestern part of Los Angeles in an area bounded by the present Figueroa and Main Streets. Here he grew to manhood, and during the time he attended the Howard Summit School he gained much practical experience in farming on the family property.

Mr. Bennett came to the Centinela Valley in 1894, and leased 2,000 acres of land soon thereafter of the Daniel Freeman Rancho in the southwestern part of the valley and this property became known as the Bennett Rancho. The fertile lands of this famous old ranch were planted to wheat, barley and beans, and were farmed successfully by Mr. Bennett for many years. Although all of this property has been sold to different companies, he engaged in farming on a very large scale as the lessor of nearly 3,000 acres on which he grew about the same crops as he did in the early days. In 1922 he managed a modern ranch where the Los Angeles airport is now located.

Andrew Bennett was a builder of Inglewood in the literal sense. He erected the old Granada Theater building in 1924 on the property formerly occupied by the Bennett family from 1907 to 1915 as their home place, and later Mr. Bennett built the Bennett Hotel at 107 North Market Street. This latter was the first important building of its kind in Inglewood, and was owned by Mr. Bennett until the end of his life.

For a period of eight years, Mr. Bennett was a member of the Inglewood Elementary School Board, and as a tribute to his memory the School Board has named the Andrew B. Bennett School in his honor.

He was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, and the Woodmen of the World. His principal hobbies were fine horses and the great outdoors.

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Mrs. Bennett was formerly Miss Phoebe Davies, of Long Beach. Mr. Bennett is survived by his widow and two daughters, Edna (Mrs. Dan Marrs), and Vera (Mrs. Charles Warnell), who is a charter member and a trustee of the Inglewood Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West and immediate past president of the Lincoln Study Club of Los Angeles. Mrs. Marrs has five

children, two of whom are adopted, and Mrs. Warnell has two sons by her first marriage.

Andrew B. Bennett passed away on November 23, 1940. During the long years of his residence in Inglewood and the Centinela Valley, he saw this favored section of Los Angeles County grow from a population of a few hundred to well over fifty thousand. When he first came here the area now covered by the thriving communities of Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne, El Segundo and Lawndale was little more than one huge grain field. Now this section has become one of the prosperous and most highly developed parts of the county, and in this wonderful growth and development Mr. Bennett and his family have taken a conspicuous part.

### **Thomas E. Trulove**

Postmaster Thomas E. Trulove was born in Fayetteville, N. C., November 18, 1893, his parents being Robert Leonard and Susan D. Trulove of that city. The family came to California early in 1910 after a year in Arizona, and to Inglewood in 1913. The future Inglewood postmaster attended grammar school in Wilmington, N. C., high school in Bisbee, Ariz., and in Los Angeles. He also served an apprenticeship at the Baker Iron Works in Los Angeles for five years as a structural ironworker, starting in at \$6.75 per week and during his final year, \$14.85.

From structural steel construction in Arizona, the young man finally became a guide and dude wrangler on the Bright Angel Trail that goes into the depths of the Grand Canyon. Then came 1917, the visit of an army recruiting unit to the Canyon and all eight of the "Sears, Roebuck cowpunchers of Bright Angel Trail," as Trulove characterized them, joined up, making a full squad. The outfit was Co. K, First Arizona Infantry, which became the 158th Infantry of the 40th (Rainbow) Division.

This outfit chased (and caught) bandits along the Mexican border, being stationed for five blistering months at Ajo, Ariz., with the temperature hovering around 120 to 128 degrees. Then the outfit was ordered to Camp Kearney near San Diego. Then overseas to England and then to France, with Trulove as a first sergeant. Then Le Havre, the Marne and Bordeaux, with a lieutenantancy offered the first sergeant. But he preferred going home and being mustered out to a commission.

In May of 1919 he was honorably discharged and went back to Bright Angel Trail, but the glamour of this, after wartime experience, wore off in about three weeks.

Trulove was sergeant of the honor guard at the Murat Palace in Paris, assigned to President Wilson as his official residence while there. At the Presi-

dent's request, Sergeant Trulove let the President and his wife out the back gate of the palace. There was much hue and cry about President and Mrs. Wilson being "missing" for several hours, according to contemporary headlines on this side of the water. In the meantime, however, the American President and his consort had been quietly strolling along the Champs Elysees quite unrecognized.

Sergeant Trulove was "sweated out" by superior officers but came through unscathed after pointing out that he was only obeying orders, and from the Commander in Chief!

Following some years of structural engineering after the war, Trulove went into the transfer business January 15, 1937, with his brother, O. L. (Slim) Trulove. He served as an Inglewood city councilman from 1937 to 1941, resigning about two months before the conclusion of the term in order to accept the Inglewood postmastership appointment, taking effect the following February. In the meantime, he disposed of his interest in the transfer business to his brother.

He was one of the early day commanders of Inglewood Post 188, American Legion, and subsequently served another term in this office. On Christmas Day of 1924 he married Miss Grace McLean, daughter of Daniel and Emily McLean of that city, at Williams, Ariz., and brought her, after the honeymoon, to the home in which they still live at 235 West Plymouth Street. They have two children, both married—Leonard D. and Mrs. Dean Fisher, the former Miss Joyce Trulove, both of this city.

Trulove's hobbies are community service and motor travel.

## **David Lynn**

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. David Lynn has only been a resident of Inglewood for a comparatively short time, he has become widely known as an exceptionally able lawyer and civic leader. He comes from an old, illustrious American family and has an unusual background of legal education, training and experience.

A native of Washington, D. C., he was born December 9, 1905, and is of Scotch-Irish descent, a son of the late Albert Cummings and Evelyn (Meacham) Lynn, his father having been a naval officer. In connection with the family history, it is interesting to note that a great-great grandfather, David Lynn, was one of the twelve Justices of Frederick County, Maryland, who repudiated the British Stamp Act, which repudiation was one of the factors bringing about the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Lynn began to make his own living at the age of thirteen and literally worked his way through preparatory school, college and law school. He attended

Emerson Institute, in Washington, and then took a year and a half of pre-legal work at George Washington University, and was graduated with the degree of LL.B. from National University of Law. He received the Phi Beta Gamma gold medal for having maintained the highest scholastic record over a period of three years of law study. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity and Phi Beta Gamma legal fraternity, having been Chief Justice (president) of the latter during his senior year. He was also elected editor of "The Docket," the year book of the law school, and served as associate editor of the "National University Law Review."

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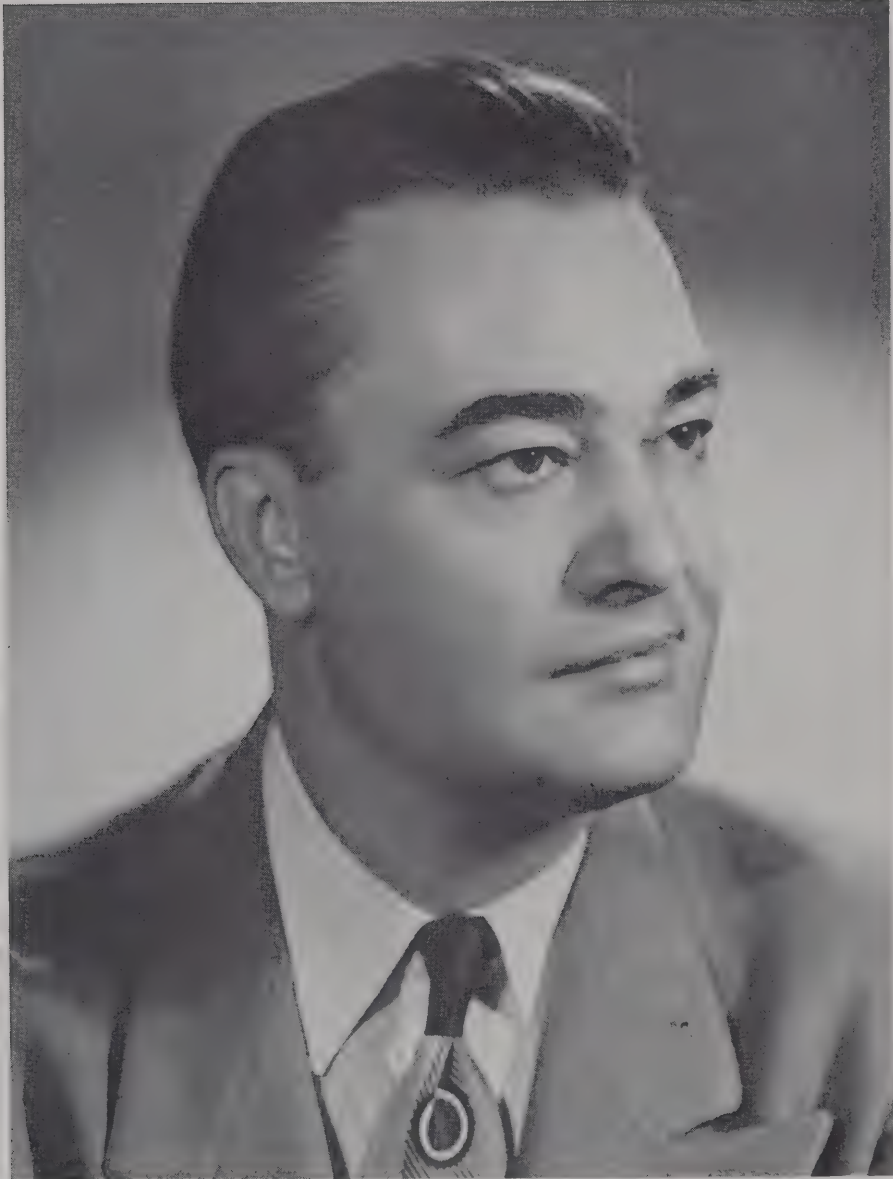
While still attending school and college, Mr. Lynn was a page in the House of Representatives, and he was later secretary to the Supervising Engineer of the United States Capitol. During this period, he was also an active member of The Little Congress, an organization of Capitol employees, where he studied and practiced parliamentary law and procedure, legislative debate, and the ramifications of lawmaking.

Mr. Lynn was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia in 1930; he was admitted to the California State Bar in 1936 and the United States District Court, Southern District of California, in 1937. In addition to other affiliations, he belongs to the Inglewood, South Bay Bar Association.

Mr. Lynn's war record is exceptionally worthy of note. He entered the Army in March, 1942, as a Private, 125th Infantry; he was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant in October, 1942, to accept a direct appointment as First Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Department and became the Judge Advocate of the Northern California Sector of the Western Defense Command; he was sent overseas and served as the Judge Advocate of the 58th Bombardment Wing on Tinian in the Marianas and was later the Judge Advocate of the 20th Air Force on Guam. He wears the campaign star for the Air Offensive Japan Campaign on his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon. He was ultimately commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel, and was released from active duty in May, 1946.

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Mr. Lynn's first experience in legal work was in St. Louis, where for three years he was associated in a professional capacity with several insurance firms. Coming to California in 1933, he continued in this line with insurance companies in Los Angeles. It was in 1946 that he opened his offices in Inglewood for the general practice of law. He has a reputation as being exceptionally able in his court work, and even during the short time he has been here he has handled successfully several outstanding cases. He has the unique distinction of having filed the first action in the new Municipal Court at Inglewood.



DAVID LYNN



Prominent in political affairs, Mr. Lynn was a candidate for State Assemblyman at the last election, and he is currently a member of the Republican State Central Committee.

Other affiliations include the Masons, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion, having served as Adjutant, Service Officer and Vice-Commander of South Bay Post No. 184 of the latter organization. His service club is the Kiwanis, of which he is a director, and he is an active member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, being chairman of the By-Laws Committee, vice-chairman of the State and Local Government Committee, and a member of the National Affairs Committee.

The former Miss Ruth Anderson, of Long Beach, became the wife of Mr. Lynn. They have one daughter, Victoria, born in January, 1946.

### **Anthony J. Volante, M. D.**

In the short period of three and a half years, Dr. Anthony J. Volante has built up one of the very large medical practices of Inglewood. Coming to this community to take up practice soon after his separation from the Service, he has acquired an exceptional reputation as an unusually competent physician and surgeon and enjoys the high respect of his patients and colleagues alike.

Dr. Volante was born in Philadelphia on February 21, 1910, son of Nicholas and Frances (Barbera) Volante. Both parents are still living and make their home in Philadelphia.

The doctor's entire education was received in Philadelphia. Following the completion of his elementary and high schooling, he entered the University of Pennsylvania and holds the academic degree of A.B. from this institution. His medical course was taken at Hahnemann Medical College, where he was awarded his degree of M.D. He interned at St. Mary's Hospital in Philadelphia and then was a resident for two years at the Westborough State Hospital at Westborough, Massachusetts.

In 1938, Dr. Volante became a civilian medical officer with the United States Army Engineers and was stationed at Hartford, Connecticut. He soon came to California and was associated with the Veterans Administration, assigned to West Los Angeles. In February, 1944, he was commissioned Captain in the Medical Corps of the Army and ultimately promoted to Major.

Having been very favorably impressed with Inglewood on visits to this community, Dr. Volante took up practice here in 1946, and he has never regretted his decision in locating in this city. He is a member of the American, California and Los Angeles County Medical Associations; his church is the Catholic; and, fraternally, he belongs to the Elks and Eagles.

Dr. Volante married Miss Frances Siani in Philadelphia on October 16, 1938. Three daughters have been born to this union: Violetta, Victoria, and Valerie.

Photography and gardening are Dr. Volante's favorite avocations.

### **Robert K. Lloyd**

Robert K. Lloyd, Director of the Adult Education Division of the Centinela Valley Union High School District, heads an organization the size and importance of which is realized by comparatively few citizens of this community. Offering about one hundred and fifty courses covering a wide range of subjects, with a yearly enrollment of over 16,000 pupils and with about eighty teachers, this is one of the largest adult education schools in the State, outside of the larger cities. Classes are held not only in the high school building in Inglewood, but in about nineteen different places in the Centinela Valley, including Inglewood, Lennox, Lawndale, Wiseburn, and Hawthorne. Due to his splendid scholastic background and wide experience in the educational field, the adult education program here has been brought up to a very high standard under the able supervision of Mr. Lloyd, and it is significant that he enjoys a national reputation by reason of the record he has made here.

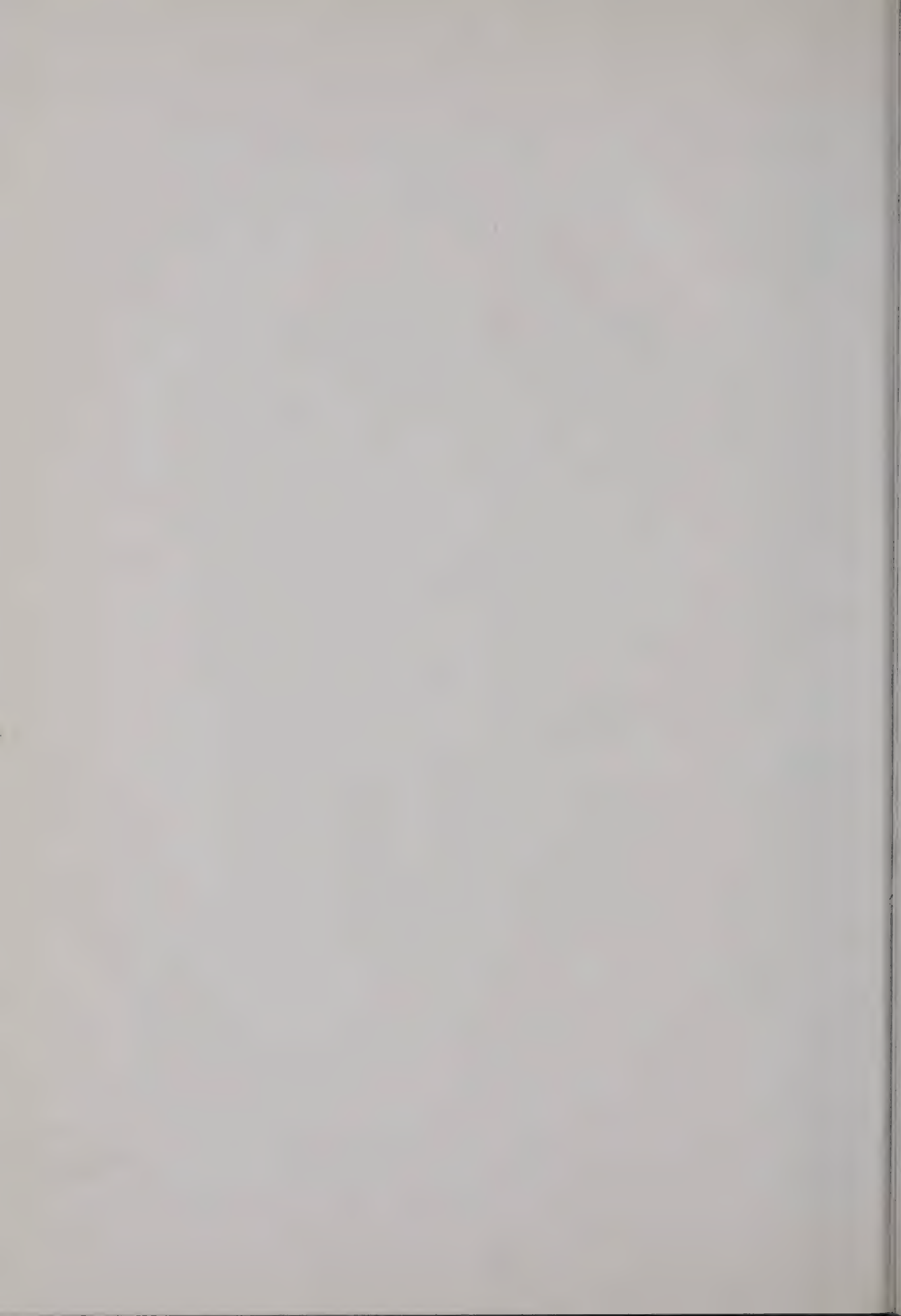
A native of Oak Park, Illinois, Mr. Lloyd was born February 23, 1891, son of Clarence A. and Ida May (Kellog) Lloyd. He comes from a family well known in Inglewood, as his father, who passed away in 1941, came to this city upon his retirement from active business in Illinois in 1935.

Having taken a Mechanical Engineering course at the University of Illinois, Clarence A. Lloyd followed not only mechanical engineering but also electrical engineering in Chicago for about fifteen years. He was later assistant superintendent of installation in Machinery Hall at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. He became associated with his father in a book, music and stationery store, from which he retired to come to Inglewood.

Robert K. Lloyd graduated from high school in Champaign, Illinois, and next entered the University of Illinois, where he spent two years, and then transferred to Cornell University, where he graduated with the degree of B.S. He began his teaching career as an instructor at the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, where he ultimately became an associate professor in horticulture. His teaching career was interrupted by service in the United States Army Air Corps during World War I. Graduating from the school of aerial photography at Cornell and commissioned Second Lieutenant, he was placed as officer in charge of the aerial photography section at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, and later was assigned to similar positions in Arcadia and March Field, California.



ROBERT K. LLOYDE



In 1921, he came to Inglewood High School to accept the position as director of the agricultural department of the school, later becoming attendance supervisor, and still later boys' vice-principal and at the same time vice-principal of the Adult Education Division. Subsequently, he became director of adult education and head of the science department of the high school. For the past fifteen years, he has held his present position as full-time director of adult education for the Centinela Valley Union High School District.

Mr. Lloyd has done a considerable amount of post-graduate work, both at the University of Southern California, at the University of California at Los Angeles and at Stanford University. He was recently invited to attend a conference on adult education held at Teachers' College, Columbia University, during the summer of 1949, a unique honor. He is a member of the National Educational Association, a former president of the Los Angeles County Adult Education Administrators Association, and currently vice-president of the California Adult Education Administrators' Association. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Inglewood and is a past president and charter member of the Inglewood Lions Club.

Mr. Lloyd married Miss Ollie Josephine Borders of Kansas City, Missouri. Three children have been born to this union: Robert Hayden, who married Jean Lehigh of Inglewood and have one child, Nancy Ann; Clarence Joseph, who married Betty Mae Fritz of Minnesota and have one child, Robert Steven; and Bettie Jean, the wife of Fred W. Wilkin.

As hobbies, Mr. Lloyd has engaged in photography and gardening, as well as collecting and making pipes.

## **Robert D. Aylsworth**

A prominent and highly regarded citizen of Inglewood is Robert D. Aylsworth, who for many years engaged in the electrical contracting and appliance sales business—1911 to 1944 inclusive.

A native of Tipton, Iowa, Mr. Aylsworth was born March 24, 1882, son of Lewis Crampton and Sarah Elizabeth Aylsworth.

After receiving his education in the schools of his native town, Mr. Aylsworth came to California. This was in 1901 and the first place he stopped was Santa Ana, but he subsequently worked in a number of other California communities, including San Diego. Ultimately coming to Inglewood, he immediately took up electrical contracting in this city on Market Street and a huge volume of business was done by his firm. Among the important jobs handled by this firm may be mentioned nine schools in this area, several churches, nearly all the large industrial plants erected in recent years, and during the

early war period a number of important contracts were successfully consummated for the Government.

It was in 1944 that Mr. Aylsworth retired from business, principally for reasons of health. Since this time he and his wife have done a considerable amount of traveling, having visited Alaska, the Orient, and South America in recent years.

Affiliations of Mr. Aylsworth include the Rotary Club, of which he is a past president; the Masonic Fraternity, including the Chapter, Commandery and Al Malaikah Shrine Temple of Los Angeles. He also belongs to the Jonathan Club of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Aylsworth was formerly Miss Floy Kurtz and was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John A. and Catharine (Whiting) Kurtz. She met and married her husband in California, the marriage having taken place at Avalon, Catalina, on July 6, 1907. Mrs. Aylsworth has been very prominent in civic affairs. She is a member and past president of both the Inglewood Women's Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club. She is also a member of the Eastern Star and a past matron, as well as a member and past president of the Rotary Anns.

## **Jack Gaynor**

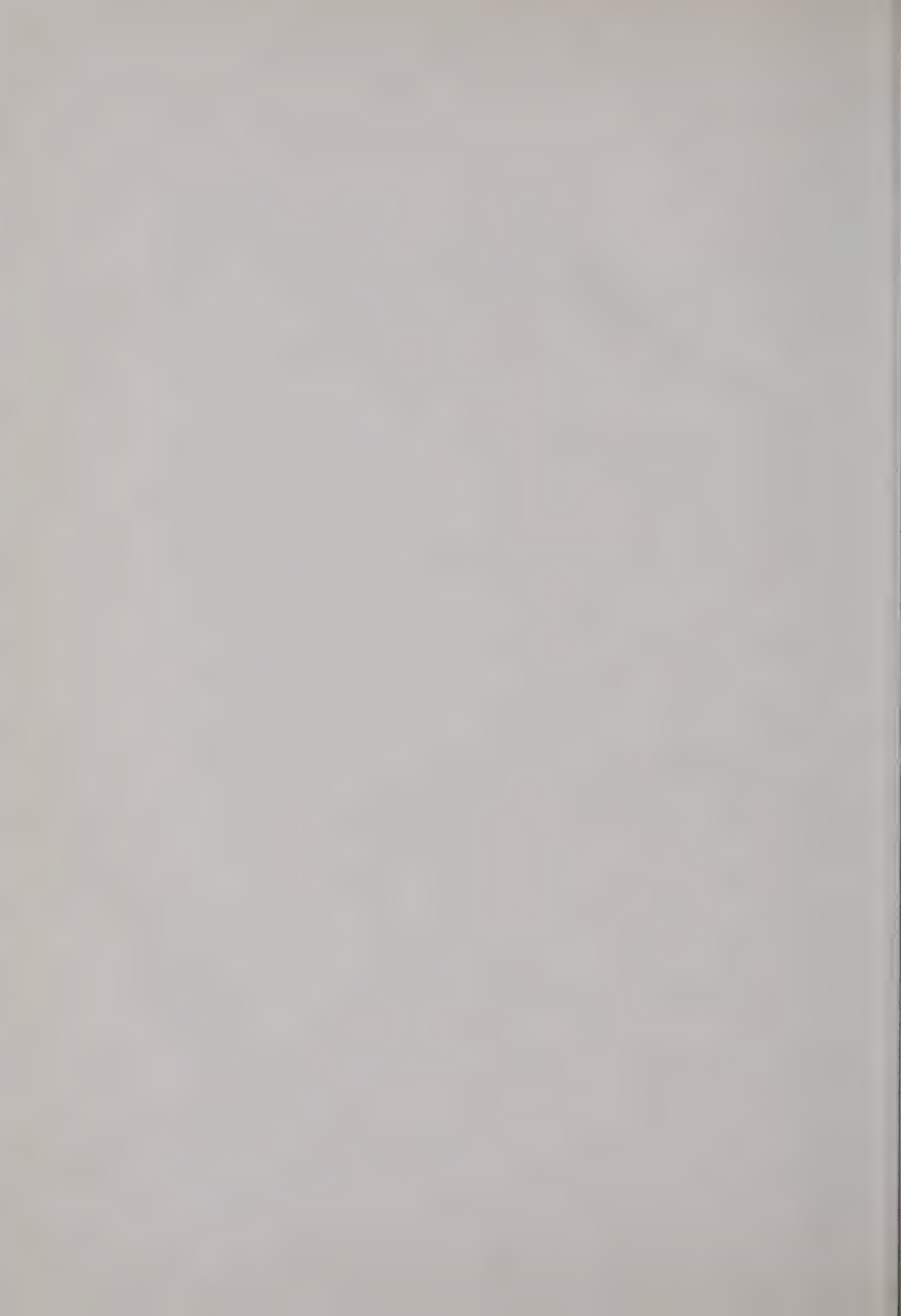
Jack Gaynor, the Hudson dealer in Inglewood and principal owner of the Hudson dealership in Westwood, has had an exceedingly interesting and varied career in the automotive industry. Few individuals have been identified in this line of business so widely and in so many different places as has Mr. Gaynor, and it is due, no doubt, to this experience that he has had such an outstanding success in his business here and in Westwood.

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Gaynor was born October 12, 1898, son of William and Gertrude Gaynor. His father, who was formerly in the printing and publishing business, is now retired and continues to live in Boston. Jack Gaynor attended school in Boston and subsequently went to Berkshire Military Academy, located in the western part of Massachusetts. As a youth, he served a four-year enlistment in the United States Navy, his period of service extending from 1915 until 1919, thus covering our entire participation in World War I. He made about a dozen trips across the Atlantic on transport duty during the war aboard the U. S. S. De Kalb, a former German raider. He subsequently served for a year in the Merchant Marine, and then spent about three and a half years in the Far East and was with the Chinese government as a customs officer for about a year and a half. He later was with the export firm of A. F. Thane and Company, in Shanghai.

In 1923, Mr. Gaynor returned to the States and began his automobile



JACK GAYNOR



career as a salesman with the Anderson-Smith Chevrolet agency in San Francisco. Later, he was with the George Campe Chrysler agency in San Francisco, and then went to Philadelphia, where he joined the Chevrolet firm of Anders and Jervis. In 1929, he returned to his native Boston and traveled the New England States for the Harvey-Robb Motor Company, Elcar and Windsor distributors. After a little over a year in this connection, he purchased a hotel in Boston, which he operated for two years. In 1932, he returned to California and joined the Felix Chevrolet agency in Los Angeles, and after a short time in this connection became associated with the Paul Zeigler Dodge and Plymouth agency, remaining with the latter for about two and a half years. In 1936, he accepted the position of sales manager for Fred Kerr, the Dodge dealer in Gardena. Following a short period there, he joined the James Waters Dodge firm in Los Angeles, and his last position prior to going into business for himself was with the Stevenson Company, De Soto and Plymouth dealer, in Los Angeles.

In 1939, Mr. Gaynor opened a garage of his own at 76th Street and Western Avenue, and soon thereafter he established a used car lot at Century and La Brea. In February, 1940, he established himself in Inglewood with a used car lot, and in 1943 he opened a garage at 440 South Market Street.

It was in April, 1944, that Mr. Gaynor acquired the agency for the popular Hudson line for Inglewood. First location was at 664 South La Brea and he owned the property at 1050 South La Brea, which was his used car lot, which he subsequently traded in on his present location at 1222 South La Brea, which building he has recently completed remodeling. It now represents an investment of about \$100,000 and is one of the most modern and up to date automobile establishments in this part of Los Angeles County. Excellent facilities are available for the display of new cars, and the splendid service department is an exceptional feature of the business.

The Hudson dealership in Westwood, known as the Chet Housley Motor Car Company, is located at 10860 Santa Monica Boulevard, and Mr. Gaynor owns a 51 per cent interest in this business.

Long interested in automobile racing, Mr. Gaynor is a member of the American Automobile Association and the Western Racing Association, and he has had entries in stock car races in many parts of the country, and three times has won the stock car championship of the Pacific Coast at Oakland. He is currently president of the Stock Car Racing Association. His well known driver is Lou Figaro.

The former Miss Louise Crush, a native of Melbourne, Australia, became the wife of Mr. Gaynor in Shanghai, China. They have two daughters: Dorothy, the wife of John H. Wall; and Gloria, the wife of James Chapman. Both sons-in-law are connected with Mr. Gaynor's business.

## **Burton Lewis (Burt) Brooks**

Burton Lewis (Burt) Brooks, well-known and popular druggist of Inglewood, has had a wide and varied career in the drug trade, and he is rated as one of the most qualified persons in Southern California in this profession.

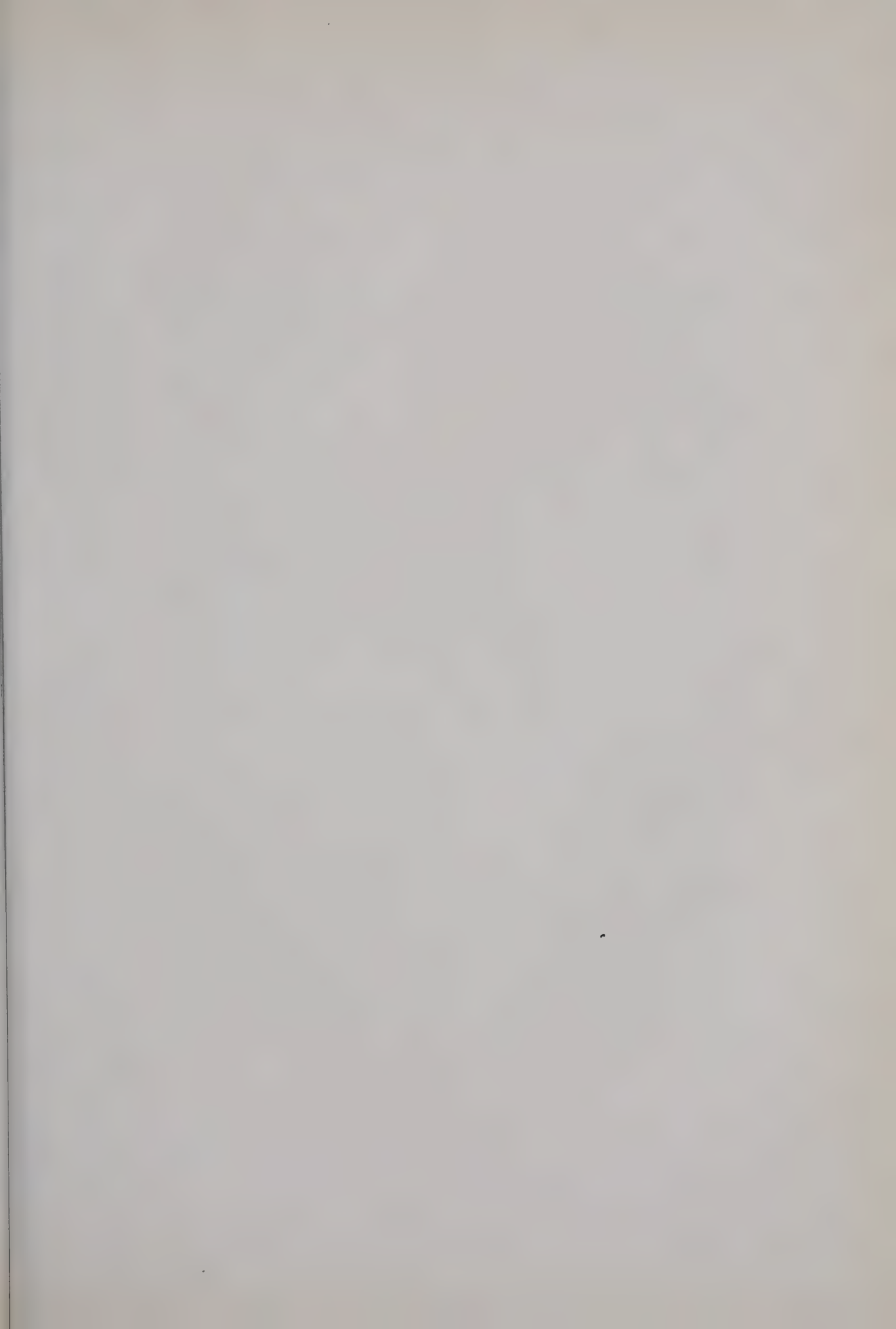
A native of Gordon, Georgia, Mr. Brooks was born May 31, 1905, son of Charles and Marietta (Tindall) Brooks. His father is engaged in the furniture business in Marietta, Georgia.

Mr. Brooks had his elementary schooling and part of his high school course in Macon, Georgia, and graduated from high school in the town of Gordon, Georgia. At the early age of seventeen, he enlisted in the United States Navy as an apprentice seaman and for a period of four years sailed the seven seas. During this period, he won a scholarship in pharmacy and attended the Pharmacists Mates School in Portsmouth, Virginia, and subsequently was assigned to the Seradino Pharmacy School in San Diego. He completed his course at the University of Southern California in 1926.

Mr. Brooks' first experience in a drug store was at Anaheim, where he was employed by the Orange County Drug Store. Later, he went to Long Beach to join the Ward Drug Store, located at Seventh Street and American Avenue. From there he went to San Pedro, where he was with the Hirschman Drug Store. In 1928, he opened a store of his own at Sixty-first and Cherry Avenue, in Long Beach, which he operated for two years, but was compelled to give up on account of the financial crisis of the early thirties. He then went back to Georgia and was employed in a chain drug store in Atlanta. During this period, he took night law courses, which have proved very valuable to him in his business career. In 1933, at the depth of the depression, he came back to California and, while jobs were anything but plentiful at that time, he almost immediately obtained a position with the Savoy Drug Company in Hollywood. He remained there until he joined the Sontag Store in Santa Monica.

After only two weeks, he was made Assistant Manager of this store and was soon assigned to San Pedro as Manager of the Sontag Store there. From San Pedro, he was transferred to Inglewood, to take charge of the Sontag Store here, which at that time was not being operated profitably. In the course of only one year he raised this store's volume to show a 600 per cent increase, which undoubtedly must be a record of some sort for a retail trade gain in this city.

In 1936, Mr. Brooks joined his brother as a partner in the liquor business in Hollywood, serving as manager of the "Seven Seas." He remained in this connection for five years and then opened a drug store of his own at Ninety-sixth Street and Vermont Avenue. After three years there, he came back to Inglewood and opened a store at 1105 South La Brea, which was recently





JOHN AERICK

closed due to the termination of his lease. Since April, 1949, he has operated his own new store at 601 West Manchester Boulevard, located in a structure especially built for his needs. In the course of a very short time, he has built up an extremely successful business in this location.

Very active in civic affairs, both in Inglewood and in other places where he has resided, Mr. Brooks is a Past Exalted Ruler of the Inglewood Elks Lodge, and he is a former member of the Inglewood Lions Club and was a Kiwanian in San Pedro. He is an active member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce. A prominent Mason, he belongs to Inglewood Blue Lodge No. 421, F. & A. M.; Alpha Council, Inglewood, and is a Life Member of the Scottish Rite, Los Angeles Consistory; Life Member of the Royal Arch, University Chapter; and Life Member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple. He also belongs to the Inglewood Shrine Club.

A well-known golfer, Mr. Brooks is a member and past president of the Inglewood Country Club and has the unique distinction of having won the President's Gold Trophy of this club the year he was president. Since 1935, he has contributed a golf column to the Inglewood Daily News under the title, "Tee Up."

Mr. Brooks married Miss Ruth Gladys Patton on March 27, 1925, and they have three children: Barbara Lee, the wife of Robert Windhorst, Jr.; Burton L., Jr., and Mary Etta.

## **John Aerick**

One of the oldest residents of Inglewood and a prominent civic leader for many years is John Aerick, who was born in what is now the municipal limits of the city of Los Angeles near the southwest corner of Vernon Avenue and Arlington Boulevard on April 6, 1872. His father, also named John, a native of Sweden, crossed the plains in 1855 and, locating in Los Angeles County, engaged in the life of a typical Western pioneer in the early days and ultimately acquired several pieces of land, one of them being 160 acres southwest of Vernon Avenue, and another 120 acre piece northeast of Vernon Avenue. Elizabeth Hunter Aerick, John's mother, was born in San Bernardino, but came to Los Angeles as a girl, her father, Jesse Hunter, having been identified with the Mt. Washington district of Southern California.

Mr. Aerick attended the old La Dow School, which was located at the corner of Normandie and Vernon Avenue, and later took a course at Woodbury Business School, going to and from that institution on horseback. He spent his early life on his father's farm and when he was about eighteen years old he went to work at the Baldwin Ranch taking care of cattle and other stock,

and continued for several years until his father died, when he went back to the family home place to take charge of it, and remained there about three years.

In 1895, he came to Inglewood and leased a large piece of land from Daniel Freeman, and thereafter engaged in grain, alfalfa and wheat growing. Many years ago, he purchased the two and a half acres on which his present home is located and which is bounded by Hillcrest, Queen, and Aerick Streets. About thirty years ago Mr. Aerick gave up farming and since that time has devoted his attention to the care of his other interests. He has owned considerable real estate, not only in Inglewood but also in Los Angeles, but during recent years he has disposed of most of this property.

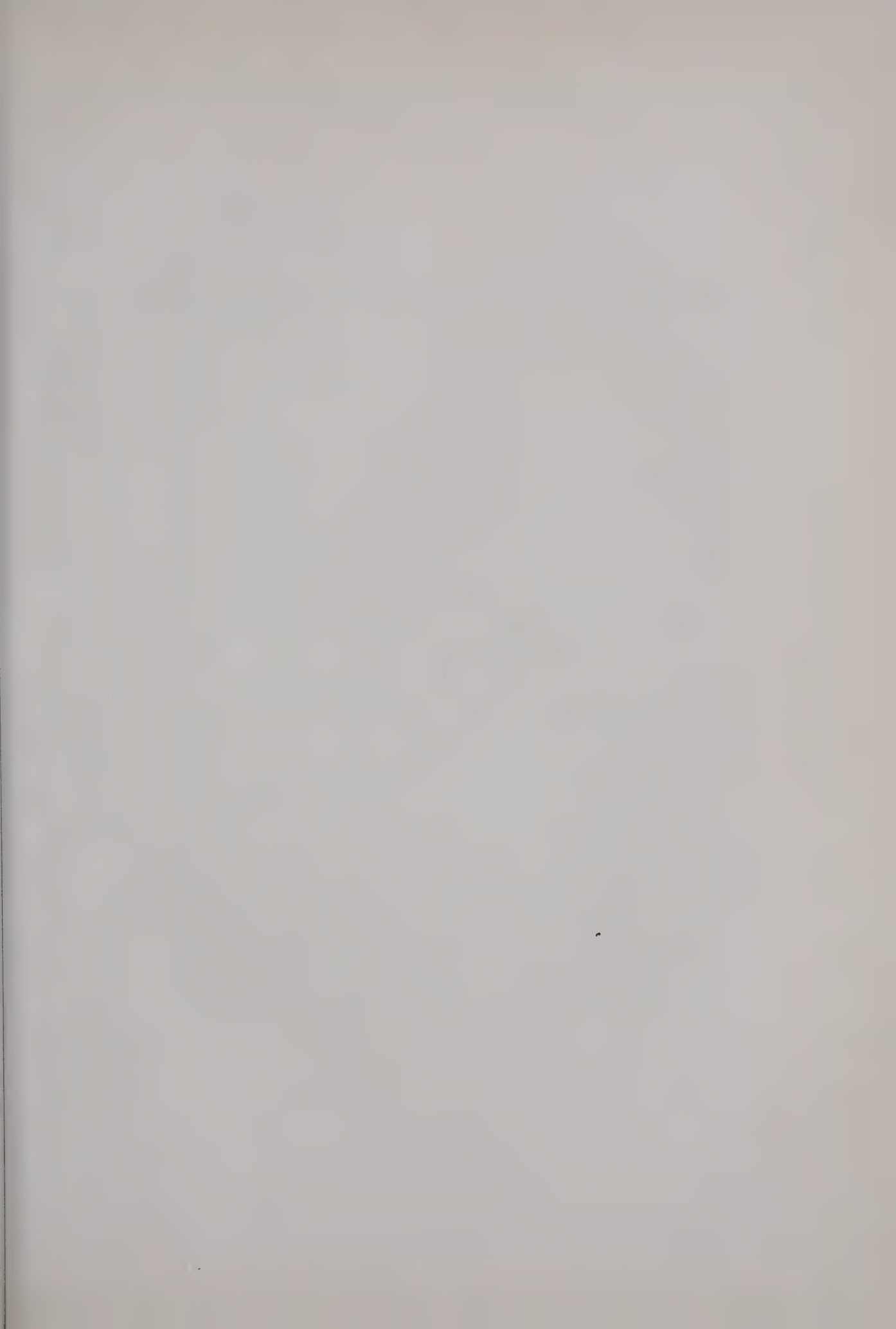
He has the distinction of having been elected a member of the first City Council of Inglewood in 1908, serving until 1912. He was re-elected in 1916, and served until 1920; the last two years he was president of the body (the position corresponding to Mayor at present). Mr. Aerick later served as Street and Water Superintendent for two years, and during this period many of the improved roads of Inglewood were built and other civic work carried on under his supervision. He was a director of the old First National Bank of Inglewood, which was subsequently acquired by the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles.

Mr. Aerick is a member of the Masons and the Forresters. In December, 1897, he was united in marriage with Miss Lula G. Dosta, and they just failed to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, as Mrs. Aerick passed away on August 7, 1947.

### **Rev. A. S. Reitz**

A man whose songs literally are being sung around the world is the Rev. A. S. Reitz, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church and dean of the Inglewood Ministerial Association, as he begins his 24th year in the local pulpit in August of this year of Anno Domini, 1949. In fact, this internationally known and beloved hymn writer now is having some of his works sung in Tagalog over the Far East Broadcasting station in Manila, while others of his songs are included in a hymnal in the Spanish language widely used in Mexico and others of the Latin-American countries.

Recordings made by this genial and inspiring patriarch reveals the voice and enthusiasm of a young man and none would realize therefrom that he is more than "70 years young," he having passed that milestone on life's mundane journey on January 20th of 1949. At that time he was honored at a breakfast meeting of the Southwest Christian Business Men's Association, together with his gracious wife.





MR. AND MRS. JAMES P. HANSEN

Author of approximately 100 hymns, the two that seem to be the greatest favorites and most widely known are "'Twas a Glad Day When Jesus Found Me," and "Teach Me to Pray." The latter, by an old custom, is sung once a month by the Chicago Breakfast Club.

Son of a Methodist minister, the subject of this sketch was born in Junction City, Kansas. He engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in Topeka for several years, then joined the staff of the late famed evangelist, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman and Dr. Henry Osterman as a choir leader and public relations man. It was during this period that he began his hymn-writing.

It was during revival services at Berkeley that the young man felt the call to dedicate himself to the ministry. At that time there were approximately 200 young people, mostly University of California students, who were converted. He went to Chicago to study for the ministry and there met Miss Elsie Emke, attractive miss studying to be a missionary. They were married and his first pastorate was at Berlin, Wisconsin.

### **James P. Hansen**

The oldest business man of Inglewood in years of activity and an outstandingly public and civic-minded person is James P. Hansen, the blacksmith, who came to Inglewood in 1892, working on the Freeman ranch for the following five years, and in December, 1897, opening his blacksmith shop, which is still in existence and located at 301 North La Brea. Although the management of the shop is now in the hands of Mr. Hansen's son, James W., Mr. Hansen himself is still on the job practically every day of the year, assisting his son. In fact, he says he plays his golf in the blacksmith shop. This venerable business was originally located where the Buffington Pontiac Company is now at 204 North La Brea, on property which Mr. Hansen still owns. However, for a considerable period of time the shop has been located at its present site.

"Jim" Hansen, as he is commonly known to all his friends, came to Inglewood when there were only a handful of people here and most of these were employed by the late Daniel Freeman, whose ranch covered 13,000 acres. Jim has lived to see this section grow to be one of the most prosperous towns in the Los Angeles area with a population of over 40,000 and he has taken a worthy part in this progress and development. He has been interested in real estate since the early days and has bought and sold a considerable amount of property in the city and some of his holdings have become very valuable. He was a director of the old First National Bank, and since its absorption by the Security-First National of Los Angeles he has served as a member of the Advisory Board of the latter.

Mr. Hansen was born in Denmark on January 9, 1873. He came to America with relatives in 1887 and as a boy worked on a farm in the northern part of California and did various odd jobs until he came to Inglewood fifty-seven years ago. While he favors education and professional training, he believes that the greatest factor for success in life is the exercise of common sense. He obtained his education the hard way and feels that it is more appreciated and valuable having been obtained in this way.

Miss Octavia Galateau, who is of French extraction, became the wife of Mr. Hansen on January 25, 1899, and they recently celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in fitting style in Inglewood. In addition to their son, they have a daughter, Myrtle.

Jim Hansen has long been a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce. His many friends and acquaintances wish him many more years of worthwhile activity in this community. It is due to a few such sturdy pioneer citizens such as he is that the present generation is enjoying such prosperity and progress as now prevails here.

## **Horace W. Card**

Horace W. Card, Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, was born June 8, 1896, in Anoka, Minnesota. Moved with the family to Washington State in babyhood and grew to young manhood in the Puget Sound country. Worked in logging camps, shingle and saw mills; graduated from high school. At the age of 20 he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps; served at Bremerton Navy Yard and in France; for two years in Haiti during the revolutionary period of 1919-1921, engaging in patrols and skirmishes against the bandit-revolutionists.

Discharged from Marine Corps as a Quartermaster Sergeant, anrolled in the Marine Corps Reserve, and settled in Southern California in 1922. Worked as a surveyor for private engineers, Los Angeles County Sanitation districts, and in 1926-1927 as a surveyor and inspector of construction for the City of Inglewood during the sewer construction period; six years as a civil engineer draftsman in the Los Angeles County Surveyor's Office; and in 1934 entered the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, now holding rank of sergeant therein. Moved to Inglewood while working for the City.

In 1925 was co-organizer of Southern California's first unit of the Marine Corps Reserve, the 307th Company in Los Angeles; thereafter commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Reserve. In 1931 helped in the expansion of this company into a battalion organization, and while serving as the first Adjutant and Quartermaster officer of the battalion also organized a new company in Inglewood under his own command. "D" Co., 13th Bn., USMCR, had quar-



COL. H. W. CARD



ters in the Library basement in Grevillea Park. Captain Card was promoted out of command of the company early in 1940 when he was made a major and the executive officer of the 13th Battalion.

Upon mobilization, Major Card served first at San Diego. When the Second Marine Division was organized in February, 1941, he organized and commanded for several months the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, this battalion later being the very first Marine unit to land against Japanese opposition in the sustained offensive war against the enemy, when it landed August 7, 1942, on Tulagi Island, opposite Guadalcanal.

Prior to this, Major Card had been assigned to staff duty and went overseas in 1942. Promoted to Lieutenant-colonel, he was chief of a staff section in the Command Headquarters of the III Amphibious Corps, which gained fame under command of Lieut. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, USMC. Colonel Card participated in the famous amphibious operations resulting in the assault and capture of Bougainville, Guam (first former American territory recaptured from the Japanese), Peleliu, and Okinawa. He received many Letters of Commendation, was twice decorated, with the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit, for exceptionally meritorious service in actual combat with the enemy.

He was held in service after the end of the war for duty with Fleet Marine Force Headquarters at Pearl Harbor, during the demobilization period, and returned to inactive duty in October, 1946. Now a colonel, he is entitled, by reason of his decorations, to promotion to general officer rank on eventual retirement.

While serving in Haiti in 1921, Colonel Card met and married Miss Leona Leefe of New Orleans, the granddaughter of a general in the Confederate Army. They have two children, Horace William, Jr., known as "H. W.," and Gertrude M., now residing with her parents. H. W. entered active duty with his father, was on Admiral Kimmel's flagship, the battleship Pennsylvania at the bombing of Pearl Harbor; returned to San Diego and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant before his 20th birthday; served as an artillery officer with the 4th Marine Division in the landings on Kwajalein, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima; received the Bronze Star on Saipan; now a captain in the Regular Marine Corps, married to Garrison Good, daughter of Col. Frank Good, USMC, and has two baby daughters.

Colonel Card's brother, Edson Card, was a member of "D" Company; entered active duty on mobilization; promoted to commissioned rank and served as an engineer officer in the Second Marine Division, making the landings on Tarawa and Saipan where he was wounded and received the Bronze Star; he is now a captain in the Regular Marine Corps. Colonel and Captain Card's sister Annis was one of the first to join the WAC at the first training school in Des Moines, was a member of the WAC unit taking part in the

North Africa landing and campaign and the Italian campaign, and now is a captain in the permanent WAC of the Regular Army.

Colonel Card is a Distinguished Rifleman in the Marine Corps Reserve; has attended National matches at Camp Perry, O., twice; has several hundred medals won in rifle and pistol competition; and has maintained interest in shooting until the present, having placed among the medal winners in the Marine Corps Western Division Rifle and Pistol matches at San Diego in April, 1949. He was well known in Inglewood and throughout the valley prior to the war as an active participant in civic, patriotic and veterans' affairs.

### **Frank H. Afton**

Frank H. Afton, Studebaker dealer in Inglewood, has made one of the most creditable records in the automobile business of any dealer in Los Angeles County. Acquiring the business from the Hoffman interests as recently as 1937, during the past twelve years he has built up an amazingly successful and prosperous firm. His record for the selling of Studebaker cars has long been an outstanding one. Prior to becoming a dealer, he individually led the entire Hoffman organization on the Pacific Coast for several years in number of sales. His present place of business, located on the corner of North Market street and Florence, covers over an acre of ground and some sixty to sixty-five people are employed in the business. Mr. Afton's contract with the Studebaker Corporation provides for the purchase of 900 new cars per year. In addition to the new car sales, he has long enjoyed a large used car business, and due to the excellent service rendered all customers an exceedingly large repeat business has always been enjoyed.

Mr. Afton was born at Ottawa, Illinois, September 11, 1898, son of Florian and Catherine Afton. Orphaned at an early age, he went to live with relatives in Wisconsin as a young boy, but from the age of eleven he has practically been on his own and, deprived of schooling to any extent, he is largely a self-educated man. As a youth he had various odd jobs, and coming to California in 1919 he worked in the meat business for several years. It was in 1930 that he located at Inglewood and became assistant manager for the Los Angeles branch of the Paul Hoffman Company, Studebaker dealers. Seven years later he became the owner of this business in Inglewood and has operated it ever since. Very active in community affairs and an unselfish civic worker, Mr. Afton is a former president of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and of the Inglewood Kiwanis Club. Currently, he is fund-raising chairman of the Inglewood-Lennox branch of the American Red Cross. Long interested in public affairs, he is a political leader of considerable influence. He acted in a managing capacity for Raymond V. Darby when he ran for County Supervisor.



FRANK AFTON



During the first world war, Mr. Afton served in the United States Army and continues his interest in military affairs by being a member of the American Legion.

His wife was the former Miss Elna K. Erickson, whom he married in Wisconsin.

### **Maude E. (Mother) Knudson**

From the time Don Morsaint returned to navy duty after leave following the sinking of the Yorktown of which he was a crew member, until some months after the war Mrs. Maude E. (Mother) Knudson of Inglewood High School wrote more than 14,000 letters to former Inglewood High School boys and girls in the armed services.

She gave up many of her evenings and all of her weekends for these years in order to keep up this voluminous correspondence. Far from being a sacrifice, she declared that it was a joy and a privilege which she always will cherish. As a result, her office or her home always was the first call after reaching their own home of all the students when on leave or when returning after leaving the service.

Walls of her office are now literally covered with pictures of these youngsters in uniform. All the services and various ranks are represented in this colorful picture gallery. It all started when Morsaint, who had been home for an extended period but who had never even told his own parents of the Yorktown sinking until the story was released by the Navy, came to bid "Mother" Knudson goodbye, and asked her if he gave her his picture, she would write him. She did and from this the ever increasing and voluminous correspondence grew. Toward the end she had more than 1600 on her list! She even paid the costly postage for a long time until one or more service club organizations came to her aid.

"Mother" Knudson, as she is lovingly known to thousands, was born at Union, Oregon, although because of early records being destroyed in a fire, this she never has been able to prove. Her father, the Rev. Calvin Shields, a Presbyterian minister, was a Princeton man and won an Oxford scholarship due to his proficiency in mathematics. His wife Mary also excelled in this study.

Miss Maude Shields when a student at Whitman Academy met another promising student Albert Knudson, and they were married. In all too brief time the husband died, leaving the young widow with a baby son, Jerry, now a prominent Los Angeles attorney for the Earl Gilmore oil interests and other large concerns.

When the young widow's parents moved to Oxnard where the father was called to a pastorate, she entered and graduated from Occidental College, then

got her masters degree at Berkeley. Her first job was as principal of a small union high school at Layton in the San Joaquin Valley.

Then she applied for the Latin-Spanish teaching post at Inglewood High School. She appeared before a board of trustees that included the late Harvey D. Moseley, the present Judge Frank D. Parent of the Inglewood Municipal Court, and others, as well as George M. (Daddy) Green, the principal. She recalls that the latter remarked, "Well, I suppose you've been a principal so long that you'll want to run this school." To this she rejoined with some asperity, "I've been principal long enough to know that there can only be one principal in any school."

"You could have knocked me down with a feather," she said the other day, "when a telephone call to my parents' home, then in Los Angeles, announced that I had been accepted for the post!"

She has been teaching in Inglewood since 1919 and declares that she has enjoyed every minute of it.

Beginning in 1919 as the Latin and Spanish teacher, the next year she was advanced to vice-principal and Latin teacher. In 1923 she also became supervisor of special day classes, the beginning of the adult education courses and in 1925 the vice-principal of the night school. At various periods she also has been attendance supervisor, statistician, director of attendance and research, vice-principal of the high school and is now principal of the Adult Education Day school.

### **E. L. (Stubby) Lynn**

An outstanding business success is shown in the career of E. L. Lynn, known to all his friends as "Stubby," who is the Tidewater Associated gasoline distributor in this area. Having few of the financial advantages of the average youth, Mr. Lynn literally paid his own expenses through school and college, having acquired his education in the hard way. The success which he has achieved in life has not been due to mere luck but to a valuable early training, hard work, and close attention to details of his various interests.

A native of Switzer, Kentucky, Mr. Lynn was born on a farm on January 24, 1898, son of Charles F. and Lula (Franklin) Lynn. Raised on his father's farm, after the completion of his elementary schooling he spent one year at Shurteff College, then a year at the University of Illinois, and a third year at Washington University in St. Louis. While attending the latter institution, he worked for an uncle during his spare time in his transfer business, and during the summer months he was a life-guard at various public swimming pools operated by the city of St. Louis.

Married in St. Louis on August 29, 1929, to Miss Margaret Donahue, he and his wife came to California immediately after the wedding and arrived in Los Angeles with less than \$100. His first job here was that of conductor on the Pacific Electric Railway. After about a year he joined Standard Oil Company and was assigned to the statistical department. Following three months of employment, he was appointed assistant department head, an exceedingly rapid promotion for one so young and for one with the company such a short time. However, he desired to go into sales work, and accepting a decrease in pay to make the transfer, he became a station manager for the company, continuing as such for about six months. He then was assigned to Burbank as a tank truck salesman, and at the end of a year he was transferred to Riverside, where he was in charge of all the tank truck salesmen in that area. In October, 1926, he was appointed manager of the Standard Oil Sales Depot in Puente, and after two years was transferred to Long Beach as a general salesman. He remained there until 1936 and then was moved to Santa Monica in the same capacity.

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It was in 1940 that Mr. Lynn acquired the Tidewater Associated distributorship for that area extending from Rosecrans Avenue to Slauson and from the Los Angeles River to the ocean, with headquarters in Inglewood. Thirty-four stations are included in this district, and during the course of the past nine years the volume of business has been increased tremendously under Mr. Lynn's able supervision. Along with this dealership, he also conducts a very well-patronized automobile accessory business on his property at 10815 Hawthorne Avenue. A recent line which has been included is the Motorola television, which is having a splendid sale.

In addition to building up a large and profitable business, Mr. Lynn has been exceedingly active in civic affairs and has given generously of his time for community work, his principal interests being the Community Chest and Kiwanis Club. During the recent Red Cross drive, he was in charge of the Lennox area for the solicitation of funds. He is currently second vice president of the Kiwanis Club and was a delegate to the national convention held in Atlantic City in the summer of 1949. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Elks Lodge, Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and is past president of the Lennox Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn have two children: Mildred the wife of Bruce Sloggett; and Peggy, the wife of William Helling.

For the first five years of his distributorship, Mrs. Lynn ably assisted Mr. Lynn in the conduct of the business.

The favorite sports of Mr. Lynn are golf and bowling.

## Clifford G. Kreutz

Clifford G. Kreutz, vice-president and assistant secretary of the \$11,000,000 Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association of Inglewood, was born at Norwood, O., August 24, 1905, son of Louis G. and Grace D. Kreutz. The parents now live at 125 E. Spruce Street, this city. Clifford attended school in Ohio and Alabama and is a graduate of the American Institute of Banking and the American Savings and Loan Institute.

He entered the employ of the First National Bank of Collinsville, Alabama, in 1923 and left that position to come to California in 1926.

Associated here at first with what was known as the Inglewood Savings Bank. From 1926 to August of 1929 there were many changes in the local banking picture. These include the mergers of the Inglewood Savings Bank with the Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings Bank, later absorbed by the Los Angeles First National Trust and Savings Bank, until the final merger that made them the Security-First National group.

Kreutz served in practically all departments during those years and was a teller at the time he became associated with the Peoples Building and Loan Association in August of 1929, which in 1938 received a federal charter.

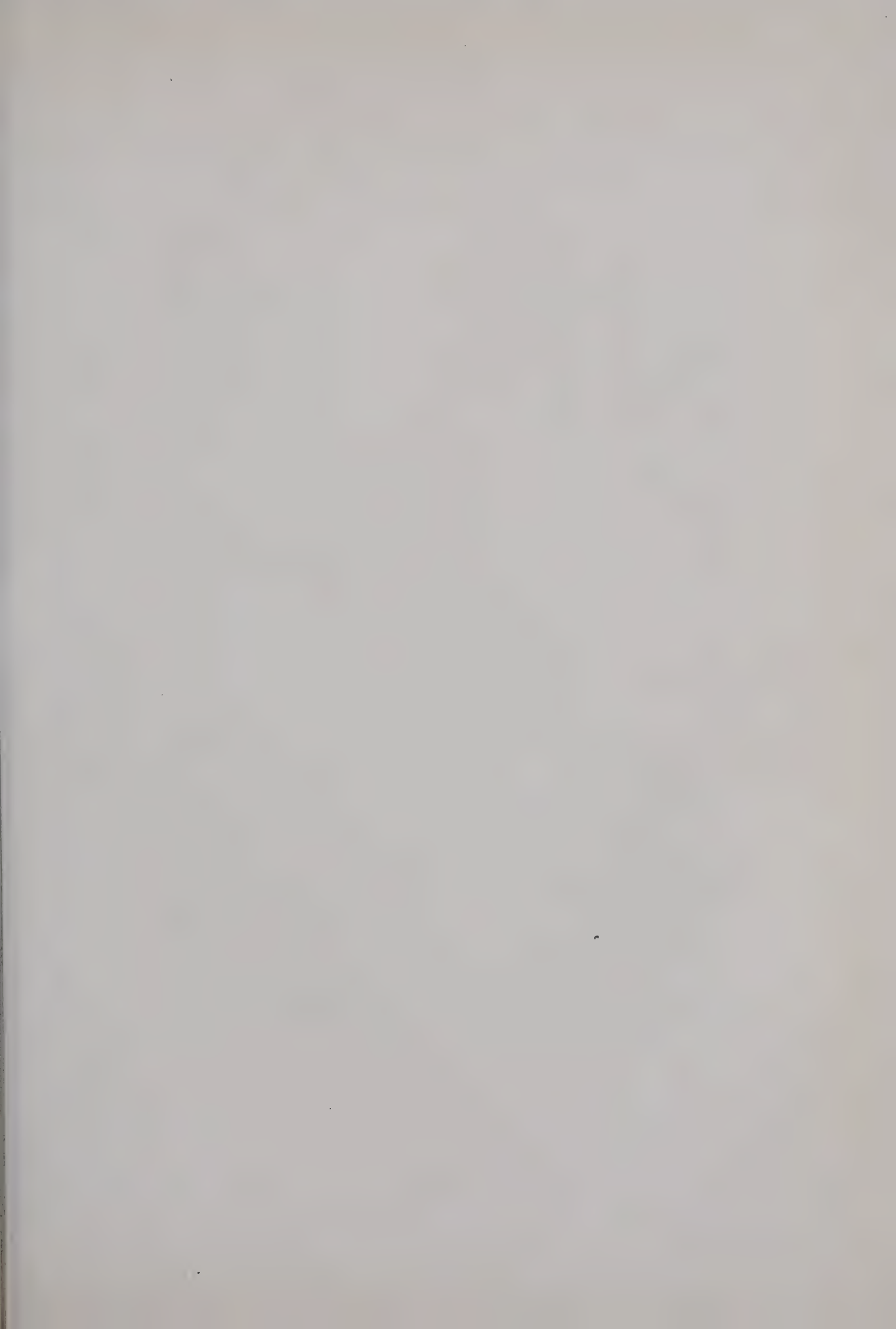
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Kreutz was a charter director and the second president of the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce, and president (1946-47) of the Inglewood Rotary Club. His many and varied other activities include: district 107 chairman community service of Rotary International (1948-49); past deputy governor Inglewood Toastmasters Club. Past President, Los Angeles Chapter 33, American Savings and Loan Institute. Junior Chamber Civic Award recipient in 1937. American Legion Civic Award recipient in 1948. Past President, Savings and Loan Club of Southern California. Has served as director and treasurer of the Inglewood Y.M.C.A., Southwest Community Cancer and Dental Clinic and the Centinela Valley Music Association.

Also national trustee for District 12, American Savings and Loan Institute, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Inglewood Masonic Lodge, Inglewood Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Inglewood Order of the Eastern Star, Inglewood Rotary Club and Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

He was married February 20, 1929, in Simi, Ventura County, California, to Miss Thyra A. Rice, who has been prominent in the community's social and civic life. They have a son, Jerry, aged 15 years, and twin daughters, Karyn Lee and Kathryn Ann Kreutz, aged 3½ years.

Kreutz's parents had moved to California in August of 1926. His maternal grandparents, Joseph J. and Emma Danks, had lived in Inglewood since 1911 and built the home in which his parents now reside. His brother, Willard M.





GEORGE F. LEPPER

Kreutz and family, and a sister, Mrs. Althea M. Perry and family, also have lived in Inglewood since the above date.

Hobbies of the subject of this sketch include photography, in which he is an adept, barbecuing, in which he hospitably indulges at the spacious home at 9227 4th Avenue in Morningside Park, swimming and, in fact, almost all other sports.

### **George F. Lepper**

A highly esteemed old-time resident of Inglewood is George F. Lepper, who came to this community ostensibly to retire in 1922. However, being of an active nature, both mentally and physically, he has participated generously in business and civic activities, and has always been willing to support any movement of value to the city. As the owner and erector of a two-story business structure at 310-312-314 South Market street, Mr. Lepper has been an up-builder of the community in a literal sense. It is interesting to note that he was one of the founders and formerly a director and secretary of the People's Building and Loan Association, which was originally located in this building, and for ten years he served as secretary of the organization.

Mr. Lepper was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1875, son of George and Kate Lepper. His father died when he was only three years of age, and his mother, being left with limited means, had a struggle to care for her family. George Lepper went to work in a metal and bolt factory when a young boy, working from seven in the morning to six at night for \$2.50 a week. His mother encouraged him to learn to use his brain instead of his hands, and he soon began work in a grocery store, where personality counted for more than in factory work. He next got a job in a shoe store, and when still a young man for such responsibility, he became owner of a shoe store of his own in Pittsburgh. This he operated successfully for thirty years and then sold out.

It was in 1922 that Mr. Lepper and his wife arrived in this city. For 12 years he was chairman of the Inglewood Park Board, and he is an old member of the local Rotary Club and has a 100% attendance record for twenty-three years. In 1949, he attended the convention of Rotary International held at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

In addition to his other interests, Mr. Lepper has recently organized the Great American Union Stamp Company, a trading stamp organization whose stamps are known as "Lucky Seven" and are successfully used by merchants as business getters.

Mrs. Lepper was formerly Miss Clara Lohmeyer, and her marriage to Mr. Lepper took place just over fifty years ago and they had the pleasure of celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary in Inglewood May 10th, 1949.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lepper. They are Grace, the wife of William Weikal, who served in World War II and was seriously wounded in the battle of Okinawa; and Raymond, who was operating a shoe store in Inglewood at the time of his untimely death a few years ago. Mr. Lepper has three grandchildren: William Byron Weikal, Jr.; Claudette Joyce Weikal, and Raymond Merle Weikal.

While Mr. Lepper has had his full share of pleasures and tragedies, he has developed a philosophy of life which enables him to maintain his equilibrium and poise under all circumstances, and his genial and happy disposition endears him to his numerous friends and acquaintances.

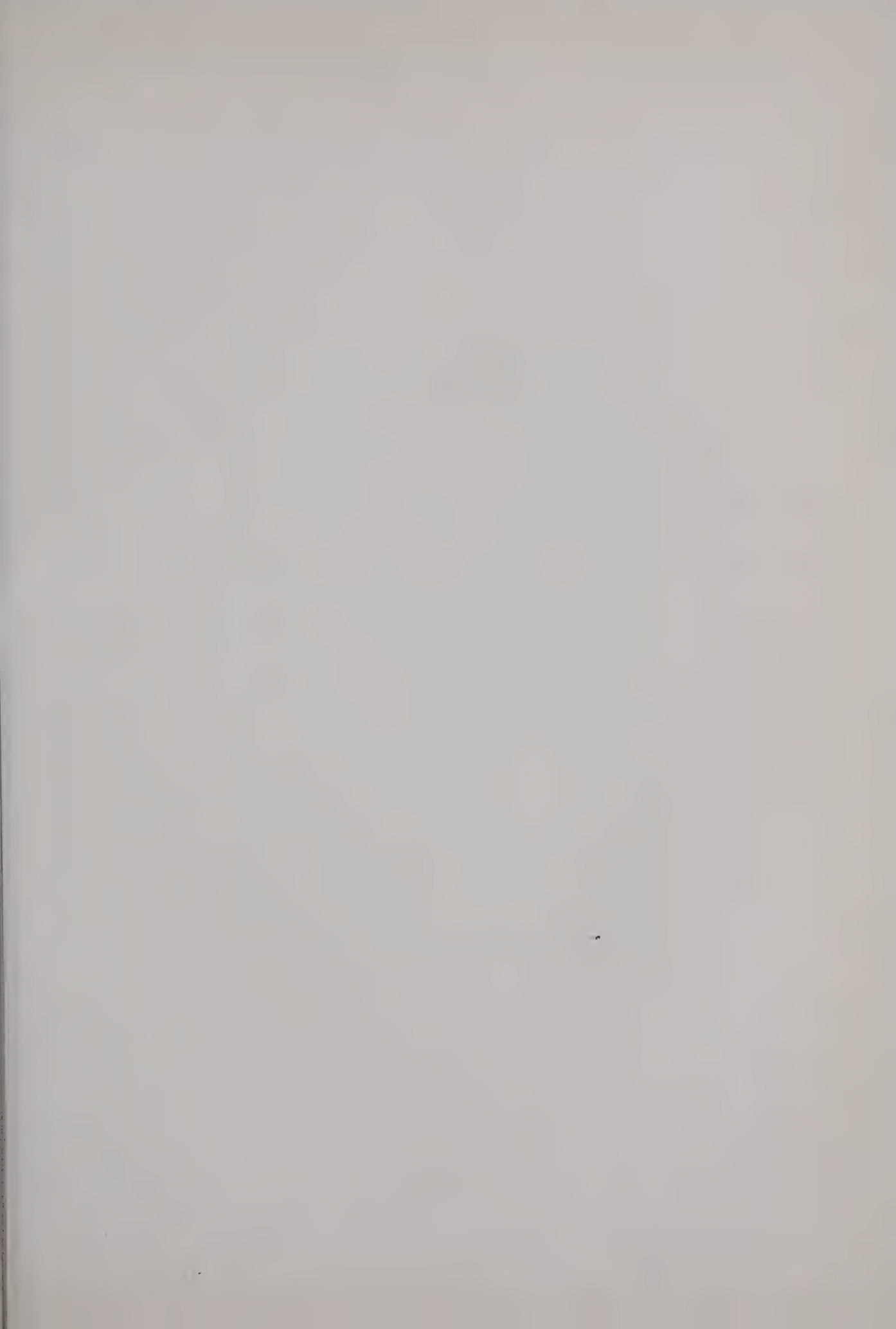
### **Cecil O. Garton, D. D. S.**

Among Inglewood citizens, few have participated so generously in civic affairs as Dr. Cecil O. Garton, who has been unceasingly active in a number of this community's most worthwhile organizations. He has the unique distinction of being the only dentist ever elected president of the Inglewood Rotary Club; he is a past president of the 20-30 Club, a member of the advisory board of the Southwest Welfare Health Association, on the board of trustees of the Centinela Valley Union High School District, and past chairman of the Dental Clinic of the schools during World War II. He is a member of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. and was director of athletics when the Inglewood Branch won the basketball championship of all Southern California Y.M.C.A.'s having a gymnasium. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Native Sons of the Golden West, and his religious affiliation is with the Baptist Church. Professionally, he belongs to the Southern California Dental Association as well as the national organization.

Dr. Garton is a native of the Centinella Valley, born in Lawndale on November 4, 1908, son of Martin B. and Bertie (Adams) Garton. His parents, who were originally from Kentucky, live in Hawthorne, and his father has the distinction of being the oldest real estate and insurance man in the valley, having been engaged in these lines for over forty-three years, his office being in Hawthorne.

The future dentist received his elementary education in Hawthorne and is a graduate of Inglewood High School. His dental course was taken at the University of Southern California and completed in 1933. Soon thereafter he took up practice in Inglewood and has been so engaged ever since.

Mrs. Garton was formerly Miss Lois Elizabeth Johnson and was from Bowling Green, Kentucky. Dr. and Mrs. Garton have three children: Marilyn Joyce, Betty Ann, and John Howard.





HARVEY A. DRINKWINE

Dr. Garton's hobbies are golf, photography, gardening and literary work. In connection with the latter, he was awarded the certificate of merit from the Rotary Club for his competence while serving as editor of the local club's "Rotary Sentinel." In competition with all the clubs in Southern California, the Inglewood club won second prize for the excellence of its publication, being beaten only by the very large Los Angeles club.

## **Harvey A. Drinkwine**

One of the leading insurance brokers of Los Angeles County, and a man who has made an outstanding record in Inglewood in that line during the course of the past twenty years, is Harvey A. Drinkwine. Upon his arrival here in 1929, Mr. Drinkwine joined the Centinela Insurance Agency and continued in this connection until 1936. He then established his own business under the name Harvey A. Drinkwine and Company. All forms of insurance are handled, as well as surety bonds, and an exceedingly large business has been built up by the Drinkwine organization in this area.

The success of Mr. Drinkwine has not been due to luck, nor entirely to the exceedingly rapid growth of Inglewood, but rather to a thorough knowledge of the insurance business and to careful attention to the needs of his clients. He is a Chartered Casualty and Property Underwriter, which designation corresponds to that of Certified Public Accountant in accounting, and is obtained by passing successfully the examinations given by the American Institute of Property Liability Underwriters. Mr. Drinkwine has taken several years of extension courses at U. C. L. A. in economics, American government, business finance and insurance and keeps well informed on changes in the insurance business by membership in the National Association of Insurance Agents, the California Association of Insurance Agents (formerly a director) and the Insurance Agents of Inglewood.

The Drinkwine organization is located at 116 North La Brea in a handsomely furnished and artistically decorated suite of offices. The personnel consists of four in the General Insurance Department, and one in Life Insurance, all expertly trained in their respective lines.

Mr. Drinkwine is a native of Mentor, Minnesota, born June 25, 1903, son of Melville R. and Cora (Toupin) Drinkwine. The family is of French extraction on both sides. Mr. Drinkwine received his elementary schooling in Payette County, Idaho, and graduated from high school in the town of New Plymouth. As a young man, he had various jobs, both in the United States and in Canada. It was in 1928 that he came to Los Angeles. He was employed in the sales division of Burr Creamery for about a year, and then

after a few months with the Los Angeles Examiner he came to Inglewood and has been here ever since.

Mr. Drinkwine is a member of various local organizations, including the Kiwanis Club and the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

He is Inglewood City Chairman for the Community Chest Drive, 1949.

He married Miss Avis Tinder, who was born in Missouri but attended Inglewood schools. Two children have been born to this union: Vilma and Roger.

The family attends the Westchester Christian Church.

### **Peyton A. Stith**

One of the most successful of Inglewood's younger business men is Peyton A. Stith, principal owner of the Standard Flooring and Supply Company, and sole owner of P. A. Stith and Company. The former is a sales department of his flooring business, and the latter is the contracting firm. Mr. Stith has probably the largest flooring business in this area. During the course of the past two years he has handled approximately one thousand units, covering principally large housing projects. He did all the Kaizer Community homes, located near Inglewood, and currently is handling the Liberty Homes project, which will comprise a total of about eight hundred units.

A native of Los Angeles, Mr. Stith was born November 18, 1914, son of Joseph and Helen Stith. He attended the Sixty-eighth Street Grammar School in Los Angeles and then spent two years at Huntington Park High School, following which he entered Leuzinger Union High School, where he graduated. He finally spent two years at Los Angeles City College.

Mr. Stith worked in the golf shop of the Riviera Country Club for a time, and in 1936 he entered the floor contracting business on his own. However, soon after the United States entered World War II he took a position with the California Shipbuilding Company and remained in this connection for two years. In 1944, he again took up floor contracting and has continued in this line ever since. In addition, he does a large wholesale and retail business in supplying hardwood flooring to other contractors.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Stith is immediate past president of the Inglewood 20-30 Club. He belongs to the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and was a charter member of the old North Inglewood Businessmen's Association. Being a devotee of sports from school and college days on, he is a member of the Inglewood Country Club.

He married Miss Beth Castle, and they have a son and a daughter: Ronald and Patricia Joanne.





GILBERT A. REILING

## **Gilbert A. Reiling**

The president of the Inglewood Board of Realtors, and an unusually public-spirited citizen, is Gilbert A. Reiling, who, although only engaged in the real estate business for about five years, has risen to a place of high prominence and importance in his profession. He stands as an example of a man who has worked hard and achieved well-merited success.

Born in Silver City, New Mexico, on November 27, 1905, Mr. Reiling is the son of the late August Henry and Mabel Catherine Reiling. He received his elementary education in New Mexico and, coming to California with his parents, he continued his education here and graduated from Los Angeles High School.

Mr. Reiling has had a wide business experience. When still a young man, he held the responsible position of district manager for the Westinghouse Electric Company in Glendale, with thirty-five salesmen under him. Later, he was with Montgomery-Ward in Glendale and then joined Sears-Roebuck and Company, being first assigned to the store at Slauson and Vermont and then transferred to Inglewood. He entered the real estate business in this city in 1944.

In addition to conducting a large brokerage business, Mr. Reiling has done a considerable amount of building. He has built and sold a number of apartment houses, and he erected the Airport Motel on Century Boulevard, which he still owns.

During the recent war, Mr. Reiling ably did his part by being one of the organizers of the Inglewood Auxiliary Police, which organization is still in existence, and of which he was recently made Captain.

Mrs. Reiling was formerly Miss Margaret Forester. Their one son is Charles Henry Reiling.

Fishing and golf are Mr. Reiling's favorite sports.

## **H. F. Bensfield**

One of the best known and most successful Realtors of the Centinela Valley is H. F. Bensfield, who in addition to carrying on a large brokerage business at his main office, 202 West Arbor Vitae, Inglewood, and at his branch in Hawthorne, has also done a large amount of building.

Mr. Bensfield was born in Black Hawk, Colorado, on June 23, 1901, the son of Nicholas W. and Anna Bensfield. The family moved to California in 1910, and H. F. Bensfield's early life was spent in San Diego, where he attended school. For some twenty years he followed the automobile business, first in Los Angeles with the Lord Motor Company, and then in San Francisco

where he was in business for himself handling the Auburn line. Later, he was the distributor for Chandler and Durant cars in San Diego. He came to Inglewood in 1935 from Riverside, and established himself in the real estate business immediately after arrival here.

Mr. Bensfield is a member of the California Real Estate Association, and is a former Vice President of the Inglewood Board of Realtors. He also belongs to the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to conducting a large real estate business, Mr. Bensfield also maintains an insurance department handling all lines. The Bensfield organization consists of eight persons.

The former Miss Esther B. Bunton became the wife of Mr. Bensfield. They have one son, Jimmie.

## **R. Elmer Payne**

A man who holds an enviable position in the building business of Los Angeles County is R. Elmer Payne, who has done many hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of building in the Inglewood area, and is rated as one of the most reliable and competent men in the construction industry.

Beginning business operations in Inglewood in 1925, Mr. Payne has continued active ever since, carrying on an ever-increasing amount of work. After the earthquake of 1933, he was active in the development of Federal projects for rebuilding damaged school buildings in Inglewood, and supervised the reconstruction of the six high school buildings and three elementary schools. While a large percentage of his building activities have been in the city of Inglewood, he has done work within a radius of fifty miles of this city. He has erected hundreds of homes in Inglewood and elsewhere, as well as numerous commercial structures and industrial plants.

During the recent war, Mr. Payne handled a number of housing projects in various parts of Southern California, including the San Fernando Valley, and in El Segundo and Hermosa Beach. Also during this period, he had crews continuously active in the defense plants, and had on his payroll from fifty to a hundred men during practically the entire course of the war. After the termination of the war, his organization reconditioned many of the war plants into commercial structures. Most of the newer store buildings of Inglewood have been built by Mr. Payne, among them being the Roycroft building, Singer Sewing Machine, Mil Zillgitt building, and most of the recently constructed motor car buildings.

Mr. Payne was born in Foss, Oklahoma, on August 29, 1902, the son of R. L. and Eliza Payne. The family came to California in 1912 and located



R. ELMER PAYNE



at Dinuba, in the San Joaquin Valley. Here Mr. Payne, Sr., was engaged in the building business.

Elmer Payne attended grammar and high school at Dinuba and then spent two years at the University of Southern California, after which he commenced building operations.

He is affiliated with several organizations in Inglewood, including the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and Inglewood Lodge No. 421, F. & A. M. He is also a Knight Templar, a member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple, and the Jonathan Club of Los Angeles.

Mr. Payne is a member of the California Building Contractors Association and the Los Angeles chapter of same, being a former vice-president of both. He has been a director for a number of years in the Inglewood Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The former Miss Alta Laurance, a native of San Bernardino, became the wife of Mr. Payne. They have one daughter, Marilyn, who attended the University of California for two years and is now the wife of Mr. Russell Monson, residing in Berkeley, California.

## **Enrico J. Verga**

A popular and well-rated member of the legal profession of Inglewood is Enrico J. Verga, who has conducted a successful practice in this city since 1946 and has been special counsel for the Planning Commission of the City of Inglewood since 1948.

A native of New York City, Mr. Verga was born June 14, 1915, son of Frank and Clelia Verga. His family coming to Inglewood in 1921, the future attorney attended elementary school in this city and subsequently graduated from the Cathedral High School in Los Angeles. He holds the degree of A. B. from U. C. L. A. and his law course was taken at Loyola University, from which institution he holds the degree of LL.B.

In March, 1942, Mr. Verga joined the United States Army and was on active duty until November, 1945, and the following Spring he began practice in this city.

He is a member of the State Bar of California, and his church is St. John's Parish (Catholic). He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Inglewood Elks Lodge.

The former Miss Mary Young, of Fresno, became the wife of Mr. Verga. They have one son, Enrico Frank.

Mr. Verga's favorite sports are golf and tennis.

## **Shelly (Sally) D. Baird**

A man who has made a splendid business success in Inglewood during recent years is Shelly D. Baird, known to all his friends and customers as "Sally" Baird, leading restaurant owner and operator of the city. Coming here as recently as 1931, Mr. Baird first worked for a linoleum firm, and during the Olympic Games, held here in 1932, he sold ice cream on a large scale at the practice Olympic Stadium in Inglewood. His first cafe here was a small six-stool hamburger stand located at 494 South Market Street, but although it was small, Mr. Baird made enough profit from this to open his first real restaurant at 467 South Market Street, which he still continues to operate successfully. This was opened in 1934, and in 1937 he established his popular drive-in at 843 South La Brea, and shortly thereafter he established another eating place at 2901 West Manchester Boulevard, but this latter he has since sold. He also owned a place at 700 North La Brea for a time, and also operated the Blackmer's Cafe at 215 East Queen Street from 1942 until 1944. His last venture was the establishment of a cocktail bar known as the Twilight Room, which adjoins his drive-in at 843 South La Brea. It is noteworthy that all of Mr. Baird's cafes are open twenty-four hours a day, and from 4,000 to 5,000 meals are served each twenty-four hours in the several establishments.

A native of Catale, Oklahoma, Mr. Baird was born February 29, 1908, son of Marcus de Lafayette Baird and Susie (Paris) Baird. His grandfather was one-half Cherokee Indian, and it is interesting to note that the town of Catale was built on Mr. Baird's mother's homestead.

After completing the sixth grade of grammar school in his home town, Mr. Baird continued his education in Chelsea and Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was left an orphan at the age of fourteen. He attended John Brown College in Arkansas for one year. He learned the restaurant business in Tulsa, from which city he came to Inglewood. Very active in community affairs, Mr. Baird served on the Inglewood City Council from 1943 until 1947 and did not run for re-election. He is a former vice-president of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, and was a director of that important organization for seven years. He is a past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and a former director of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was chairman of the local Red Cross unit when the United States entered World War II, and he rendered exceptional service while in this important position. His record of achievement was recognized in 1944 when he was given the Distinguished Service Award by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Baird is a member of the Masons, Shriners and Elks Lodge. He married Miss Winnie Taylor, formerly a school teacher at Chelsea, Oklahoma. They have three children: Margaret, Dwight and Donald.



SHELLY D. BAIRD



### **Daniel S. Bovee, D. D. S.**

An Inglewood dentist who enjoys an exceedingly large practice in this city is Dr. Daniel S. Bovee, who has had an exceptionally interesting life and has practiced his profession in parts of the world where few dentists have even visited, much less practiced. He spent several years in the Orient, and has practiced in Shanghai, Peking and Hong Kong, as well as at Bangkok, Siam. His practice in the latter place is of special interest. He was importuned to go there by a Danish dentist who desired to return to his own country, and for about a year Dr. Bovee was the official dentist to the King of Siam and the then royal family of that country, and at the same time carried on a general practice in Bangkok. Outside of the United States for about two and a half years, Dr. Bovee finally returned to this country by the western route, having completely circled the globe. He came to Inglewood in 1930 to take up practice, and has been here ever since, and is, therefore, one of the oldest members of his profession here in length of service.

Dr. Bovee was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on August 16, 1900, son of Burt Raymond and Katherine Bovee. He comes from old American stock on both sides of the family. His mother was of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction and his father, who was from an old New York family, was for years with the Carnegie Institute as a botanologist. The future dentist graduated from high school in Tucson, Arizona, then took his professional course at the dental department of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco, which institution is now affiliated with Stanford University, and received his degree of D.D.S. in 1927. After practicing in various places with other dentists for a time, he located in Long Beach, California, in 1929, where he practiced for the following year and then went to the Far East.

During World War I, Dr. Bovee served in the Balloon Corps as an Observer, with the rank of Sergeant.

He is a member of the various dental organizations, including Xi Psi Phi fraternity. He also is a Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner, Elk, and a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce. His hobby is archeology, in which he has indulged in Mexico and several Central American countries. Another outside interest is his ranch located near Kingsburg, in Fresno County.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Emerson W. Dawson**

For many years, Emerson W. Dawson has ranked as one of Inglewood's most prominent and successful realtors. In addition to carrying on a large brokerage business, Mr. Dawson has been directly responsible for the erection

of numerous business structures in this city and has personally built about one thousand homes in the Southwest, most of these erected during war days. Therefore, he can be classed as a developer of the community in a literal sense and it has been due to a few such individuals as he is that Inglewood has enjoyed such phenomenal growth in recent years.

Mr. Dawson was born at Marshall, Oklahoma, on June 23, 1898, the son of Volney and Rosabelle (Millering) Dawson. Coming to California thirty-six years ago, the Dawson family located at Lennox, and there Emerson attended grammar school and later he went to Inglewood High School for three years, and was an outstanding athlete. He played on every team except tennis, and was captain of the swimming and water polo teams. He was elected captain of the football team and president of the student body to serve during his senior year, but did not fill these offices as he gave up school in 1918 and went to Texas, where he engaged in the farming and cattle business with an uncle in the Panhandle until 1919.

Returning to Inglewood, he was employed by the high school in charge of all the school busses until 1920, when he purchased the Los Angeles Examiner agency for the Centinela Valley. During the time he was handling this agency, he entered the real estate profession, having purchased in 1921 the business of C. A. Hart. He now conducts a very large real estate and insurance business and much of the business property development of Inglewood during the past two decades has been due to his activities. Among the larger building enterprises for which Mr. Dawson has been responsible may be mentioned the Postoffice, the Ritz Theater building, the Afton Studebaker building, the Ted Eades building, the E. W. Dawson building on the southeast corner of Market Street and Manchester Boulevard and adjoining buildings on the south and east, the Singer Sewing Machine building, Roycraft building, the new Pittsburgh Paint Company building, the La Brea Automotive building, and numerous others, including sixty-two rental units built during the war.

It is probable that Mr. Dawson has handled more Inglewood business property than any other broker in this city. Always interested in the proper development of the community, he serves as a member of the Inglewood Planning Commission. He has also been responsible for the development of two of the industrial areas of the city. He is a charter member and former president of the Inglewood Real Estate Board and a former vice-president of the California Real Estate Association, representing the 16th District.

In addition to his main office, Mr. Dawson has maintained a branch office for some time at 720 East Manchester Boulevard.

As a hobby, Mr. Dawson is interested in harness racing and has a string of horses of his own, some of which he drives. His breeding ranch is in West





EMERSON W. DAWSON



MRS. EMERSON W. DAWSON



Covina. Fraternally, Mr. Dawson is a Mason, Shriner, member of the Inglewood Shrine Club, and an Elk.

Mrs. Emerson Dawson is the former Miss Norine Johnson, who married Mr. Dawson on July 20, 1918. She was born in Silver City, Utah, and came to California at the age of five and has lived in Inglewood ever since. She was the first president of the Girls' League of Inglewood High School and was editor of the Green and White Annual in 1918.

Mrs. Dawson has long been one of Inglewood's most active and prominent women. The success which her husband's business has enjoyed has been in no small measure due to her participation in it. She, like her husband, has been president of the Inglewood Real Estate Board, being the only woman ever to be accorded this honor, and she has been vice-president of the California Real Estate Association and was chairman of the Women's Division for Southern California. She is also an honorary director of the state association and in 1941 she won the home town speech contest at the State Convention held in Fresno, being the only woman who had ever won this contest.

Mrs. Dawson is equally well known, if not better known, in musical circles than she is in business affairs. A talented singer, Mrs. Dawson has been heard in church, concert and radio and has done some motion picture work. She is currently president of the Inglewood Musical Arts Society and a director of the Centinela Music Association.

In addition to her numerous extraneous activities, Mrs. Dawson has found time to raise a family of three fine sons, who are: Arthur E., who served in the United States Army during World War II and is now vice-president of his father's business; Jerry B., who was in the Navy during the recent war after spending two years at the California Polytechnic College and is now manager of his father's ranch at West Covina; and Lee R., who also served 18 months in the Army and is now a student at Pepperdine College.

### **Lawrence M. Hill, M. D.**

For nearly twenty years, Dr. Lawrence M. Hill has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Inglewood, and he has achieved an enviable reputation as an infants' and children's specialist, having devoted his practice entirely to pediatrics.

A native of Alexandria, South Dakota, Dr. Hill was born on July 2, 1901, the son of William and Ida (Kellogg) Hill. After receiving his elementary education and high school work at Mitchell, South Dakota, Dr. Hill attended the Dakota Wesleyan University for two years and then entered the University of Iowa where he remained for five years, receiving the degree of B.S. and M.D.

He interned at the St. Louis City Hospital and at the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

Dr. Hill is a member of the American, California, and Los Angeles County Medical Associations, and his service club is the Rotary, of which he has been a director.

The former Miss Hazel Davis became the wife of Dr. Hill in April, 1927. They have two children, Marian and Sarah, both of whom attend the Marlborough School for Girls in Los Angeles.

### **Arthur J. Moss, M. D.**

Coming to Inglewood soon after his separation from the Service to take up practice, Dr. Arthur J. Moss has in less than four years become well and favorably known in medical circles in Inglewood. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Moss was born May 12, 1914, son of the late David, and Anna S. Moss. He received his elementary and high school education in St. Paul, and then entered the University of Minnesota and holds four degrees from this institution: B.S., B.M., M.D. and M.S. in Pediatrics.

Dr. Moss interned at the Minneapolis General Hospital for two years and then there followed a three-year fellowship at the University Hospital in Minneapolis. He next served for four years in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, having originally been commissioned Lieutenant, then promoted to Captain and ultimately to Major. He was stationed in this country as well as in the South Pacific, having been in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan as a member of the Sixth Army Headquarters Dispensary.

Dr. Moss began practice in Inglewood in 1946 and restricts his work exclusively to his specialty of pediatrics. He is consultant pediatrician at the Methodist Hospital in Los Angeles and Chief of Pediatrics at the Los Angeles Harbor General Hospital. He is a member of the American, California, and Los Angeles County Medical Associations, and is on the staff of the Centinela Hospital in Inglewood.

Dr. Moss married the former Miss Alice Litman, whose brother, Dr. N. N. Litman, is an associate in practice with Dr. Moss. The two children of Dr. and Mrs. Moss are Stephanie and Patricia.

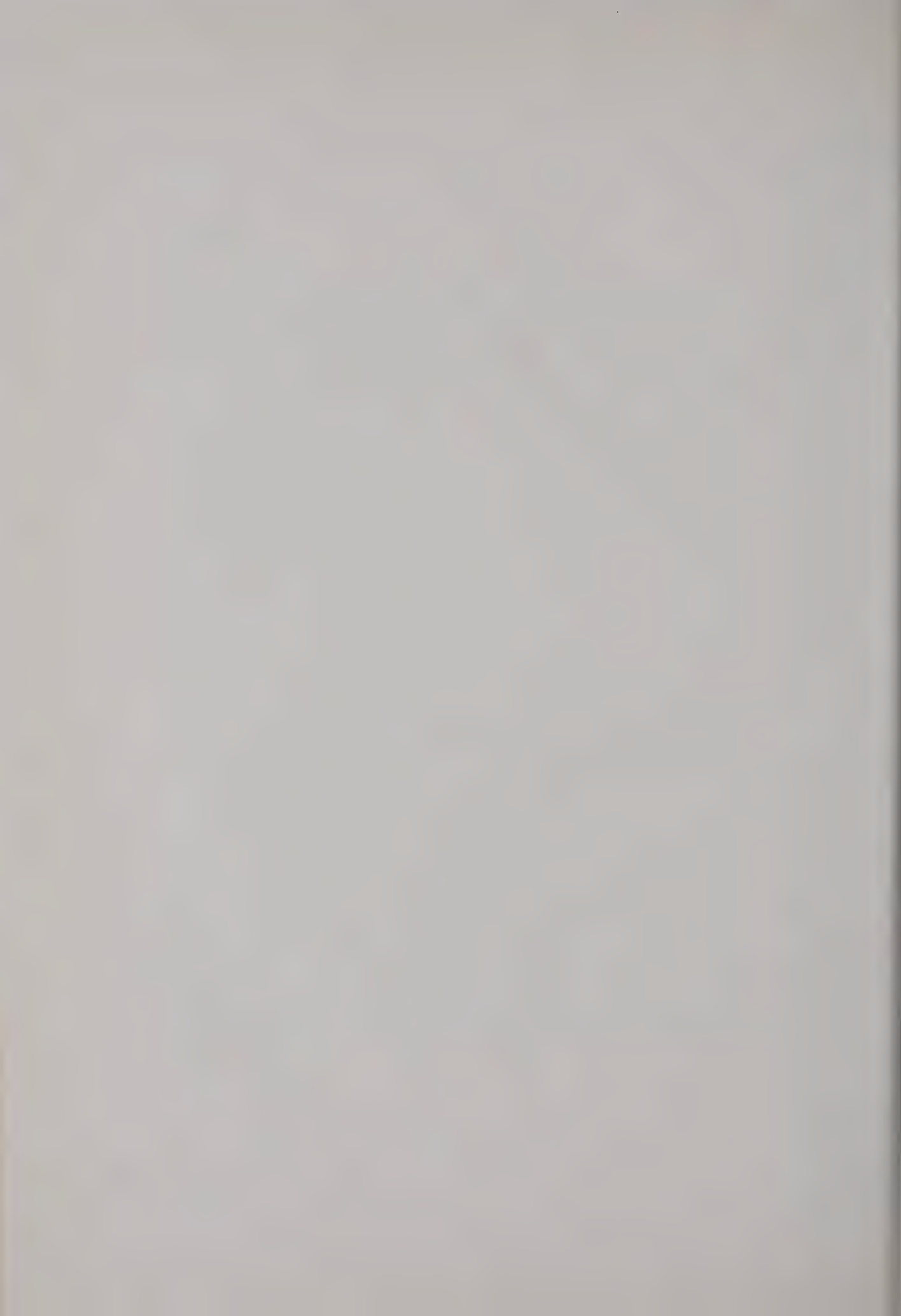
Hobbies of Dr. Moss include golf, swimming, and fishing.

### **Edwin W. Dean**

An exceedingly interesting and inspiring career is shown in the record of Edwin W. Dean, editor and publisher of the Inglewood Daily News. Mr. Dean is a self-made man in the literal sense of the term, and he has risen to the posi-



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tion of influence and importance he now occupies in the newspaper world entirely through his own efforts.

Born in Cambridge, Iowa, August 22, 1906, Edwin W. Dean is the son of Harry Arthur and Edythel Pearl Dean. His father, who was an industrial engineer, is now deceased; his mother is now Mrs. Harry Sheler.

When Mr. Dean was quite young, his family moved to Illinois, and he received his elementary and high school education in Cicero, in that state. He then entered Iowa State College, at Ames, from which institution a number of the members of his family had been graduated. In connection with his genealogy, it is interesting to note that the Dean family goes back several generations in this country, members of which were represented on the staff of General Washington during the Revolutionary War.

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Mr. Dean originally planned to take up chemical engineering in college, but his aptitude for journalism soon becoming evident, he gave up this idea and, while still pursuing his college course, he earned his college expenses, and more, working on a paper in his spare time. When he was graduated from Ames, he had \$1500 in the bank as a result of his journalistic activities during student days. With this money he purchased the weekly Seymour Herald, in Iowa, and after publishing the paper for a year and a half he sold it at a considerable profit. A few months thereafter he purchased two papers in Marengo, Illinois: The Marengo Store News and the Republican News. After about twelve years, during which period he had greatly increased the circulation and advertising revenue of these two papers, he disposed of them.

Mr. Dean has had for several years important business interests in Chicago, which he still maintains in connection with the publications *This Week* and the *Chicago Club Magazine*, being secretary-treasurer of the company which publishes them. Mr. Dean had an ambition since college days to own a daily paper in a city of about the size of Inglewood and one with a future such as obtains here. After having made a careful survey of the field, he purchased the *Inglewood Daily News* early in 1946, having decided that this paper almost exactly met all of his wishes, and he has never regretted this purchase. Under Mr. Dean's able supervision, the *Inglewood Daily News* is enjoying ever-increasing patronage both as to circulation and advertising. News coverage facilities have been augmented and, demonstrating faith in the future of Inglewood, two large pieces of costly equipment have recently been installed in the composing room. A new C36M Intertype was put into operation just recently, which increases the typesetting battery to seven machines, and a new Elrod machine, also recently put into operation, gives a continuous supply of column rule and spacing material. This paper is now properly classed as one of the leading dailies of Southern California.

Mr. Dean occupies a foremost position in the civic life of Inglewood. Immediately after arrival here, he began to participate widely in community affairs, and among numerous other important affiliations he is president of the local Chamber of Commerce for the year 1949. His service club is the Kiwanis, and he is a Mason, a Shriner and an Elk.

Mr. Dean belongs to Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalistic fraternity; Sigma Upsilon, honorary English and literature fraternity, and his social fraternity is Pi Kappa Phi.

On June 6, 1931, Mr. Dean married Miss Ruth Alden. They have two sons, Edwin W. and Dennis R. Like her husband, Mrs. Dean has been active in civic affairs, both in Illinois and in Inglewood. She is also a graduate of Iowa State College and taught school for a few years. She served as president of the Marengo Woman's Club and is a Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star. She is a member of the board of directors of the Inglewood Women's Club and also on the board of the Kiwanees. In addition, she is active in the Parent-Teacher Association.

Mr. Dean gives as his hobby his job of publishing the Inglewood Daily News.

## **Roy Kashner**

Roy Kashner, a prominent and well-known contractor of Inglewood, has had an unusually wide and interesting experience in the building trade. For almost twenty years he was with the nationally known Macdonald Engineering Company, of Chicago, slip-form specialists and contractors for large jobs such as cement silos, grain elevators, water tanks, federal buildings, etc., and in this connection he was superintendent of jobs for the company in nearly every state of the Union and in several Canadian provinces.

A native of Gibson City, Illinois, Roy Kashner was born April 7, 1905, son of William Elmer and Emma Helen Kashner. His parents are now living in Virginia, and it is interesting to note that his father retired after thirty years of service with the Macdonald Engineering Company.

Roy Kashner's home has been in Inglewood since 1938, and for about a year he and his wife operated the Kashner Hosiery and Lingerie Store here, but having received an unusually attractive offer to rejoin the Macdonald Engineering Company, from which he had resigned, he accepted their offer and continued with the company again until 1943, since which time he has engaged in the building business in Inglewood either for himself or in a partnership. During the course of the past six years Mr. Kashner has handled a wide range of building work. Shortly after the termination of the war, he erected a considerable number of prefabricated houses in this area, but his





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work includes all types of jobs and has taken him to several Western states, including California, Arizona and Utah. It is not surprising, in view of his connection with the Macdonald Engineering Company, that he has himself specialized in slip-form construction of all types. Important jobs he has handled have included work at the municipal airport, the erection of radio transmission towers for the Civil Aeronautic Division of the Department of Commerce, and several school buildings, including the erection of one school in Inglewood.

Mr. Kashner has been active in civic affairs of Inglewood, being a former director of the Merchants Association and a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Elks Lodge and the Masonic fraternity.

Mrs. Kashner's maiden name was Thelma Mae Haunches. There are two children, Philip Ray and Sharon Kay.

### **E. B. Fason**

E. B. Fason is a Realtor who has made a most exceptional record in the real estate business in the short period of slightly over three years during which he has operated in Inglewood.

Almost immediately after his separation from the Service, Mr. Fason entered the real estate business in this city, and the tremendous volume of business which he has consummated during the past three years is probably unparalleled. During 1946, he and his half dozen salesmen sold approximately two and a half million dollars' worth of property, and his sales for 1949 are running slightly ahead of 1948.

A native of Waco, Texas, Mr. Fason was born February 22, 1898, son of William B. and Mary Elizabeth (Kilpatrick) Fason. He attended elementary and high school in his native city and graduated from Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College in Electrical Engineering. Then, for a period of seventeen years, he was with the Texas Power and Light Company at Dallas, and held the position of assistant electrical rate engineer at the time he volunteered for service in World War II. Commissioned First Lieutenant in the Signal Corps, he was later transferred to the Transportation Corps and subsequently promoted to Captain and ultimately to Major. Stationed for a year at Fort Monmouth, in New Jersey, he was later transferred to the Port of Embarkation in New York City. From there he was transferred to the Port of Embarkation at Los Angeles Harbor, having been selected to set up a system there similar to the one in existence in New York. It is significant that he was appointed to this position notwithstanding the fact that it is one which should customarily have been held by an officer of the rank of Lt. Colonel or higher. Mr. Fason was assigned to this post for two years, and during most of this time he resided in Inglewood.

The remarkable success which Mr. Fason has enjoyed in his real estate business is attributable to the efficient and honorable methods which he has employed in conducting his business and to the careful selection of his salesmen. Currently he maintains two offices, one on West Manchester Boulevard and the other on North La Brea, both of which are very capably staffed.

In addition to being affiliated with the Inglewood Board of Realtors, Mr. Fason is a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, the First Baptist Church (trustee), the Inglewood Tennis Club, and the Westchester Lions Club and the Masonic fraternity. While residing in Dallas he was also active in civic affairs, having been president of the Dad's Club for a junior high school, and he was also president of the Dallas Municipal Tennis Club.

Miss Idelle Stewart, formerly of Waco, became the wife of Mr. Fason. They have three children: Jerry Ann (Mrs. Clarence George); Fred, who served in the United States Navy during World War II and is attending Southern Methodist University; and Stewart, who is attending Inglewood High School.

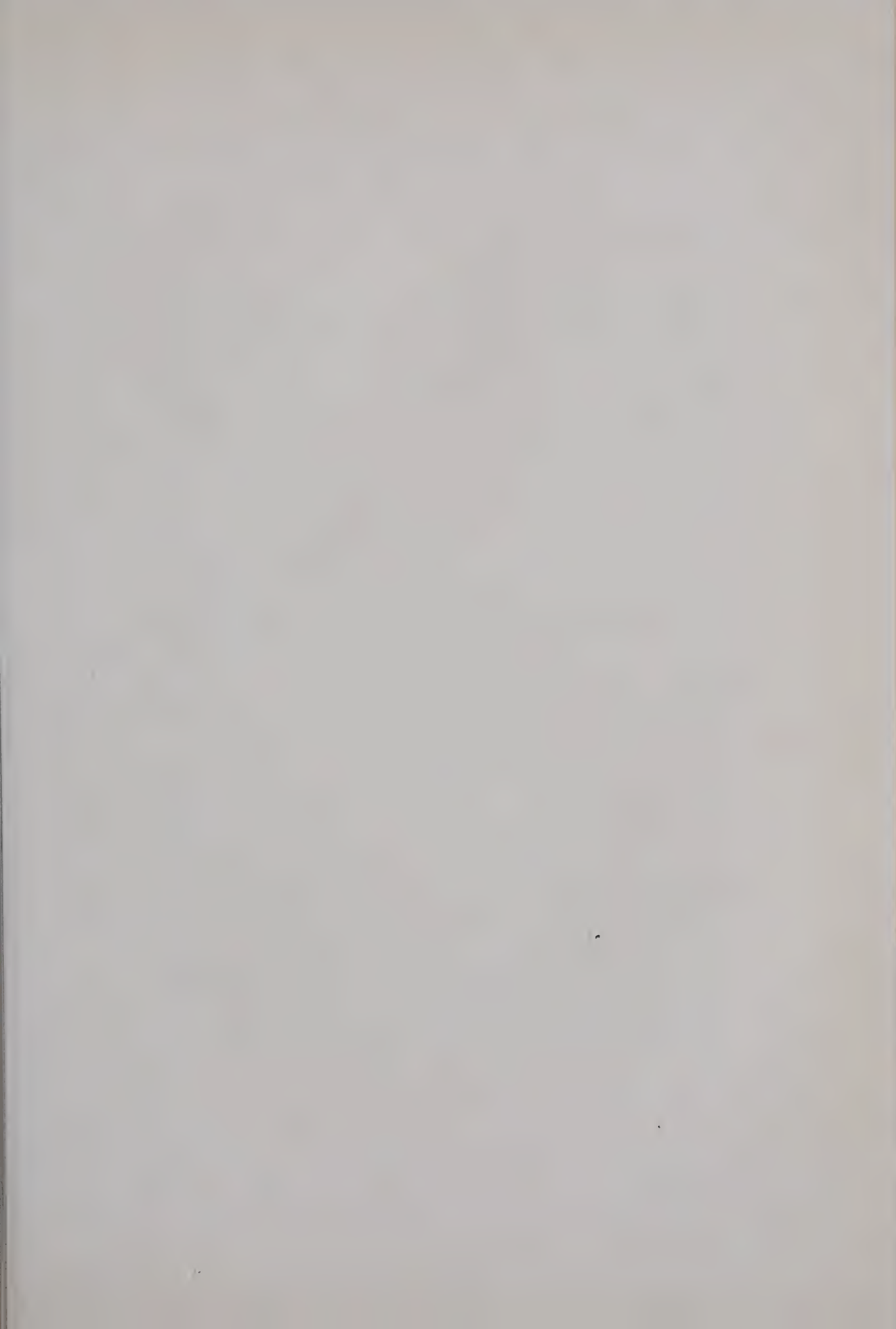
## **Roy Cooper**

Among Inglewood Realtors, Roy Cooper occupies a prominent position. Although he has only engaged in the real estate business for a few years, he has in a comparatively short length of time consummated a large number of real estate transactions and has a splendid reputation for reliability.

A native of Nicaragua, Roy Cooper was born May 19, 1908, son of Alfred and Emma (Holman) Cooper. His late father was an electrical engineer and occupied a number of important positions in Central America. Roy Cooper received his first schooling in the Canal Zone and came to the United States when he was sixteen years of age and completed his elementary and high school education in Riverside, California, and also spent a year and a half at the Junior College in that city. He then entered the Los Angeles School of Embalming, and after completing a course there, engaged in business in San Bernardino until 1935, in which year he came to Inglewood and was associated with the Beaver Mortuary in this city until 1941. Then for a few months he was with the Inglewood Branch of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Early in 1942, Mr. Cooper volunteered for service in the Coast Guard and was on active patrol duty in the Pacific until his ship was blown up, at which time he was seriously injured and was ultimately hospitalized for several months.

Following his recovery, Mr. Cooper returned to Inglewood and immediately entered the real estate business, and in January, 1946, he opened his own office at 225 West Manchester Boulevard. He engages in all branches of the





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real estate business and also handles insurance. He belongs to the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the California Real Estate Association, the Los Angeles Realty Board, and the Inglewood Board of Realtors. Other affiliations are the Moose Lodge and the American Legion.

The former Miss Dorothy Sprye became the wife of Mr. Cooper. They have two children, Jeanette and Michael.

## **George C. England**

The newly elected Councilman representing the Second District (North Inglewood) is George C. England, pioneer resident of this community, who has long been active in business and civic affairs. Perhaps best known as a poultry breeder, Mr. England was for thirty years engaged in this calling, and in recent years he has been engaged in chinchilla breeding, and in both of these lines he has made an outstanding record.

Although newly elected, Mr. England is not new as a public servant, as he served on the City Council for two years by appointment (1935-36), and served twice on the school board, once in the early twenties, and again from 1927 until 1935. He also had the distinction of being the second highest man in the election when fifteen members were selected to draft the present city charter.

During the course of his business activity, Mr. England was president of the G. W. Brown Company, now the Centinela Insurance Company, and he was formerly a director of the Pacific Finance and Thrift Company, which later became the Inglewood Federal Savings and Loan Association. During the course of his activity in the poultry business he shipped his famous White Leghorns all over the world and acquired not only a national but an international reputation as a breeder. He served as president for a term of the California Baby Chick Association, and in 1927 he attended the Worlds Poultry Congress of poultrymen, held in Ottawa, Canada.

In 1940, Mr. England purchased two pairs of chinchillas and has been breeding this rare animal for the past nine years, and currently he has on hand about two hundred of the animals, including his own, his son's, and some belonging to customers. The chinchillas sell for about \$1000 per pair.

Born in Lynn County, Missouri, February 2, 1889, Mr. England is a son of the late Harry L. and Frances Jeanette England. His parents on both sides were pioneers in Missouri, and he comes of English and Pennsylvania Dutch extraction. When he was a boy eight years old, his parents took him to Pueblo, Colorado, and he received a limited education in the schools of that place. When only thirteen, he began work as a messenger with the Pueblo Traction and

Lighting Company, and during the course of five years he was with the organization he rose to the position of head cashier, being exceedingly young to hold such a responsible position. It was in 1906 that Mr. England came to Los Angeles. He worked in a foundry for a time and later became a bookkeeper for a commission house and while earning only \$8.00 a week he purchased two acres of property on the corner of Centinela and Inglewood Avenues for \$10 down and payable \$10 a month, with no interest and no taxes to pay for four years. Here he commenced the poultry business in 1911 which he followed so successfully for such a long time. During the course of the years he purchased adjoining land and ultimately had ten acres. Most of this he subdivided in 1940 and now only has about two acres left.

Mr. England married the former Miss Blanche Corrine Phillips, a native of Ohio. Three children have been born to this happy union: Dorothy, the wife of Chester Anderson, of Salinas; Calvin, who served in the United States Army in the European Theater during the recent war and is now a student at Pepperdine College; and Myrna Jean, who also attends Pepperdine College.

### **Lyman Oral Calkins**

Lyman Oral Calkins, retired pioneer business man of Inglewood, and civic leader for many years, was born in Grant County, Wisconsin, on August 8, 1877, the son of Nathan and Jennie (Eastman) Calkins. He acquired his early education in the elementary schools of Nebraska, to which state his parents moved when he was extremely young.

It was in 1894 that the Calkins family came to California. After a short stay in Los Angeles, they moved to Inglewood and here the senior Calkins engaged in farming until he passed away in 1901. Lyman O. Calkins had his first job here in the old brickyards, and after about two years there he became employed by the late Archibald Freeman on his ranch. After his father's death, Mr. Calkins worked for the J. R. Newberry store and later for Carr and Stevens in Los Angeles. In the year 1904, Mr. Calkins, with his brother, O. Leo, and H. H. Zillgitt, took over the management of the Inglewood Mercantile Company, an institution originally established by Mr. F. A. Zillgitt. This venerable business is the oldest retail store in Inglewood, and during the many years of its existence it has served well the people of the Centinela Valley. The store was originally located on the site of the old Citizens Bank Building, but for a number of years it has been at 140 North La Brea Avenue, where a modern structure was erected for the business.

Lyman O. Calkins was active in the Inglewood Mercantile Company for a long period of time. While he is still president of the company, the management of the business is now in the capable hands of others.



LYMAN ORAL CALKINS



Mr. Calkins has been active in Inglewood in many directions in addition to his business interests. It is interesting to note that he acted as Postmaster from 1904 to 1909 when the post office was in the Inglewood Mercantile Company's store. He was on the first City Council as one of its original members and he is a past president of the Inglewood Rotary Club, the oldest service organization in the city. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Security-First National Bank, and has the unique distinction of having served as treasurer of the local Y. M. C. A. since the inception of the organization in this city. He is a charter member of the Inglewood Masonic Lodge and also belongs to the Elks Lodge.

Mr. Calkins married Miss Edith Kelso, daughter of the late William H. Kelso, pioneer citizen, Inglewood's first Mayor, and former president of the old First National Bank of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Calkins have four children: William K., a graduate of the University of Redlands; Lyman O., Jr., a graduate of Stanford University; Almina Edith, a graduate of Pomona College and now the wife of Frank Van Vleit, and Elizabeth, also a graduate of Pomona College, the wife of Emerson Smith.

## **Max H. Mueller**

Max H. Mueller, owner and manager of the Inglewood Realty Company, the oldest real estate firm in the city, was born in Ronneburg, Germany, May 19, 1895, son of Heinrich and Frieda Mueller.

Mr. Mueller was educated in Germany and came to the United States in August, 1913. Having learned the textile trade in his native country, he went to Passaic, New Jersey, and there obtained a position with the firm of Forstmann and Huffmann. He continued in this connection until 1914, when he came to California. He had early had an ambition to prospect for gold in California, and it was this desire which brought him to this state. Although he never did follow gold prospecting himself, he did become indirectly interested by grubstaking two friends.

For a time, Mr. Mueller was manager of a restaurant in Los Angeles. In 1915 he visited the San Francisco Fair and was so impressed by the South American exhibits that he made a trip to South America to see that part of the world. Returning to California, he met his future wife, who is now deceased. She was Miss Emma Haase, and they became well acquainted because of the fact that her mother had been raised in South America. Their marriage took place on November 1, 1917. Mr. Mueller has resided in this city ever since, although he was connected with the restaurant business in Los Angeles for several years while still living here. In 1925, he started selling real estate as

a sideline, but he has given it his full time since 1942. He and the late LeRoy H. Smith purchased the Inglewood Realty Company from Judge Frank D. Parent. Mr. Mueller is now the sole owner. This business was organized in 1905 and has had a continuous existence ever since. The main office is located at 312 East Regent Street and a branch is maintained at 910 South La Brea.

Mr. Mueller is a Realtor and is a prominent Mason, being affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite bodies, Sciots, Al Malaikah Shrine Temple, and the Inglewood Shrine Club.

The two sons of Mr. Mueller are Frederick Carl and Herbert Max. Both boys served in World War II.

### **Robert S. (Bob) Estes**

Robert S. Estes, commonly known as "Bob" Estes, established the Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Inglewood in November, 1946, and in the remarkably short period of three years he has achieved a splendid success in handling these popular makes of cars in this area. Located in the building at 964 South La Brea, the Estes organization consists of a trained staff of thirty-five, and in addition to the attractive salesrooms, an exceptionally efficient service and repair department is maintained. Complete automobile repairing is available in the shops.

A native son of Los Angeles, Mr. Estes was born September 21, 1913, his parents being Clifford S. and Lenore (Johnson) Estes. He attended elementary school in Los Angeles and graduated from Beverly Hills High School. He then spent two years at U. C. L. A., where he was a member of the class of 1937.

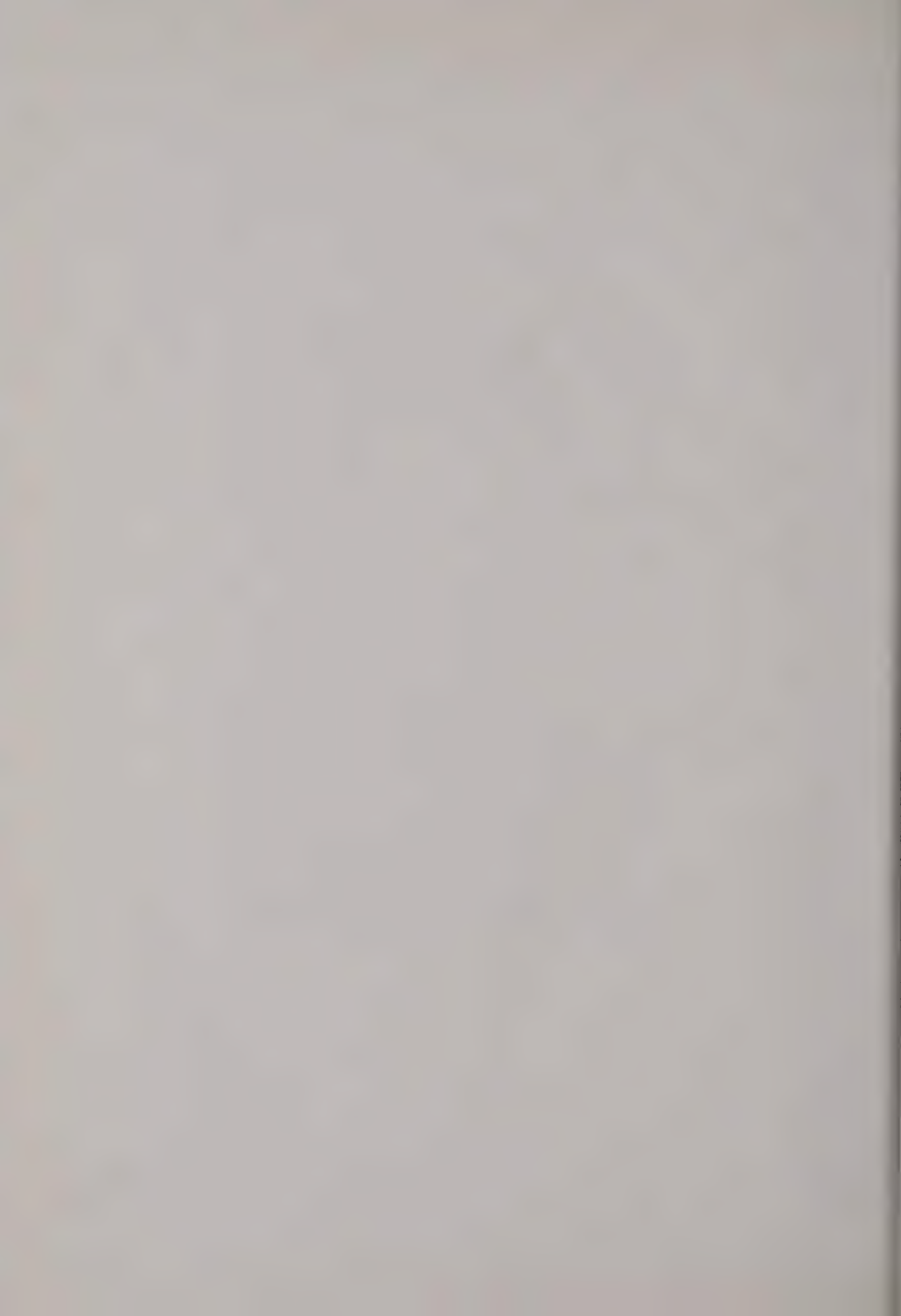
Being of an ambitious nature, while still in school and college Mr. Estes worked full time for the Union Oil Company, and while still a youth he became the owner of a service station of his own and ultimately operated two stations, both in Los Angeles. He finally sold out these stations at a profit and took a trip to Europe and South America. On his return to California, he engaged in the building business for a time, but it was not long before he entered the automotive industry as a salesman for J. E. Coberly and Company in Los Angeles. He remained in this connection until 1941, when he acquired the Hudson dealership in Beverly Hills, at that time being one of the youngest automobile dealers in Southern California.

In 1942, Mr. Estes became a civilian employee of the War Department and, assigned to the Canal Zone, was engineer in charge of heavy machinery with a considerable number of employees under him.

Following the termination of the war, Mr. Estes located in Inglewood, and during the course of several months built additions to the building he had acquired and established himself as Lincoln-Mercury dealer here. His business is incorporated and he is president and sole owner.



ROBERT S. ESTES



Mr. Estes is a member of the Bay District Motor Car Dealers Association, as well as the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and various other organizations.

His hobby is automobile racing, and he is the owner of two racing cars which have been entered in numerous events.

Mr. Estes married the former Miss Alma Harman of Virginia.

## **Ray M. Stevens**

A prominent and highly regarded citizen of the Centinela Valley is Ray M. Stevens, a resident of Lennox since 1911, and a leading business man of Gardena. He has been closely identified with the civic life of this area through having had the record of serving fourteen years on the Inglewood Union High School Board, ten years of this time being president of the Board.

Mr. Stevens was born at Ashtabula, Ohio, on June 30, 1886, the son of Louis and Josephine Stevens. After completing his schooling in his home town, he was with a large wholesale hardware firm in Cleveland. Relinquishing a very desirable position with this firm to come to California, Mr. Stevens established the first store of any consequence in Lennox. The business was known as Stevens and Wilkinson, the latter being the brother-in-law of Mr. Stevens, who owned the property on which the store was located. This store was successfully conducted for a period of twelve years, and became one of the best known mercantile establishments in the entire Centinela Valley, south of Inglewood. Mr. Stevens next became cashier and active head of the Lennox State Bank, continuing in this capacity during the existence of this financial institution. It is interesting to note that while managing this bank, Mr. Stevens inaugurated the installment plan loan, which has now been so universally adopted by nearly all banks.

At the conclusion of his banking career, Mr. Stevens became associated with Frank Ewing in the feed business, and subsequently they opened a store at Gardena which he ultimately purchased, and for a number of years operated it under the name of R. M. Stevens & Company. He has recently taken in a business associate as partner, and the firm name is now Stevens & Hill.

In addition to his connection with the Inglewood Union High School, Mr. Stevens has been active in other civic organizations. He was one of the first presidents of the Lennox Chamber of Commerce, and was formerly secretary of the Lennox Business Men's Association, and of the People's Protective and Development Association of Lennox. He has the unique distinction of being the oldest active member of the Lennox Methodist Church, his membership covering a period of thirty-eight years. For twenty-five years he has been Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Frank Parent was president, and Ray Stevens was secretary of the organization that was instrumental in bringing the first Air Races to what was then known as Mines Field. This was an important undertaking as a portion of the expense was underwritten by a number of business men.

The former Miss Esther Wilkinson became the wife of Mr. Stevens. For two years she has been Superintendent of the Sunday School of the Christian Science Church in Inglewood. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have one daughter, Beverly, who is chief teller of the Inglewood Branch of the Security-First National Bank.

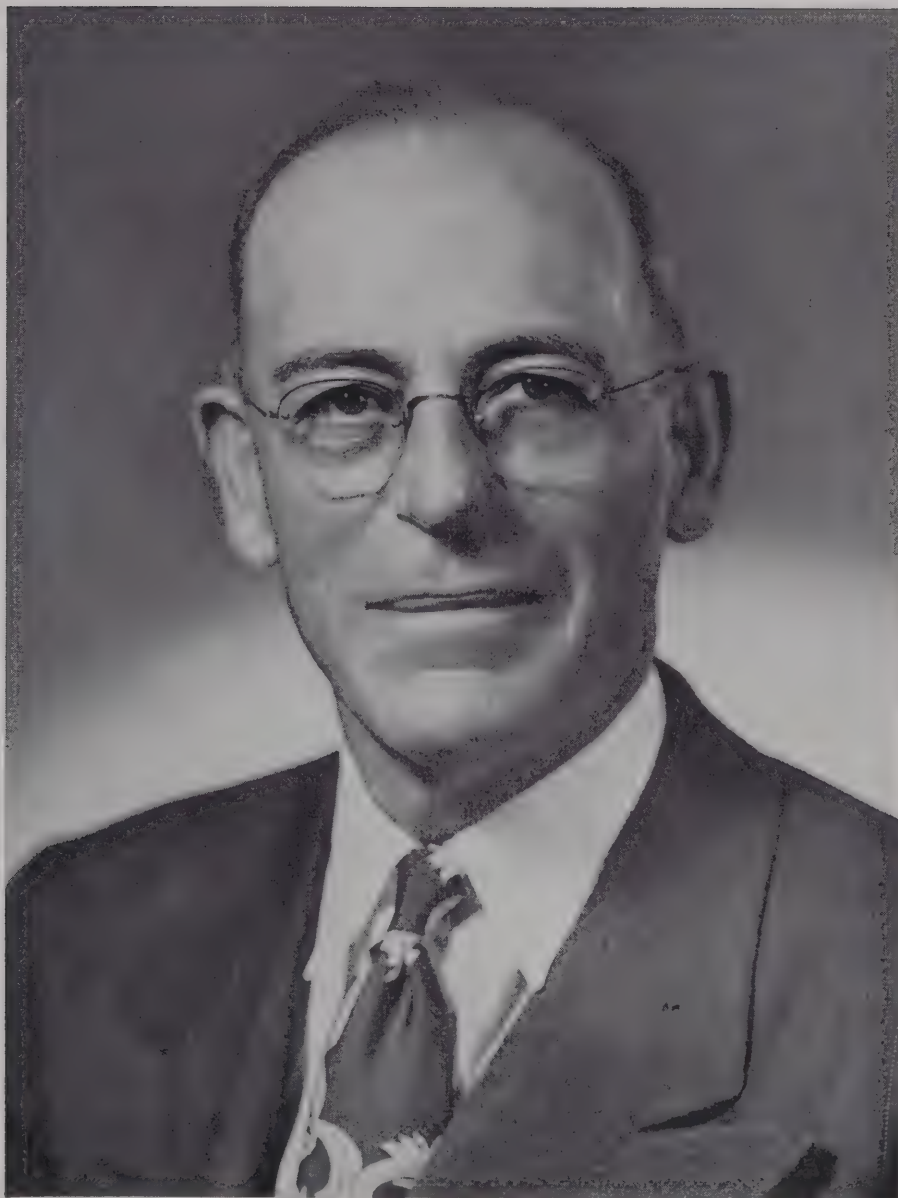
### **John R. (Jack) Williams**

For many years, John R. Williams, familiarly known as "Jack" Williams, has occupied a foremost position in the real estate and insurance business of Inglewood. As president of the Sentinel Realty Company, he holds an important position in business circles in this city. Mr. Williams can properly be classed as one of those largely responsible for the outstanding strides Inglewood has made in recent years, and the amount of real estate transactions which his firm has handled would aggregate many millions of dollars during the past decade.

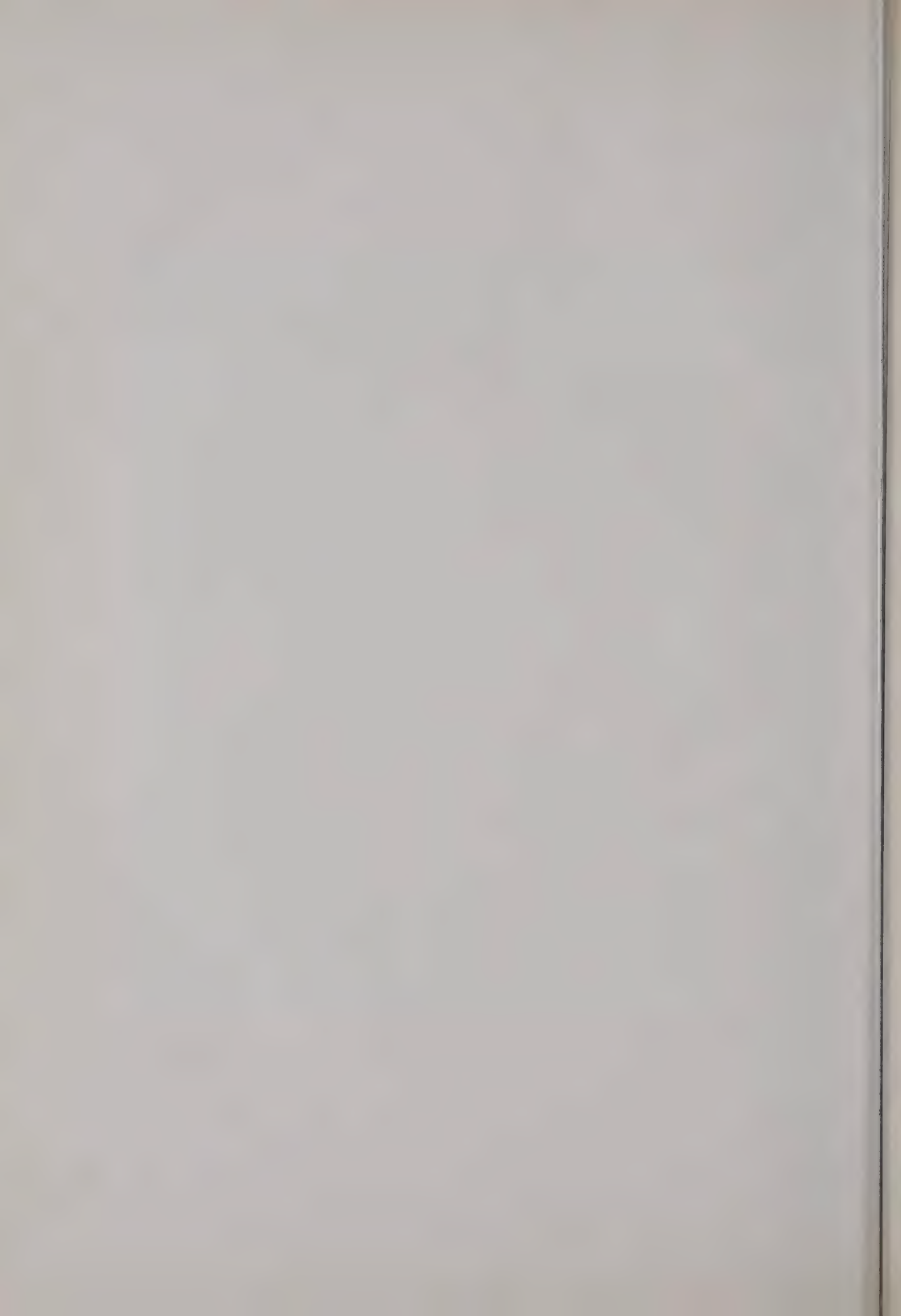
Mr. Williams was born in Cauley County, Kansas, on September 11, 1887, the son of John R. and Magdalena Williams, both of whom are now deceased. The family came to California in 1893 and first located at Selma, in Fresno County, ultimately moving to Southern California, where the senior Williams became the owner of a large tract of land at El Monte which was sold to the man who started the Arden Dairies.

Jack Williams attended school in Selma, El Monte and Los Angeles. He was in high school for some time in the latter city and graduated from El Monte High School. For two years he was a student at Throop Polytechnic Institute in Pasadena, now the California Institute of Technology. In 1908 he secured employment with a sheet metal concern in Alhambra, and after a year in this connection he joined the American Steel Pipe and Tank Company in the same city, and ultimately became superintendent of the plant. For some years he engaged in the storage and transfer business in Alhambra, and after a successful career for several years in this line of endeavor, he went north to Fresno County and was active in land development for about four years. Returning to Southern California, he joined the Curtis Packing Company in Long Beach and was superintendent of the plant, which employed 1500.

In 1925, he became connected with the Kroehler Manufacturing Company, which was then located on Santa Fe Avenue in Los Angeles, and when the business was moved to Inglewood, he continued with it and served as traffic and production manager, remaining until 1932, when he purchased a half



JOHN R. WILLIAMS



interest in the H. D. Moseley real estate and insurance business which was established in 1906. When Mr. Moseley died he purchased the latter's interest from the estate. Later, Mr. Williams bought the Tom Hornaday insurance agency. The Sentinel Realty Co. currently operates one of the largest and best patronized insurance agencies in Inglewood.

In addition to the main office at 107 South La Brea, a branch of the Sentinel Realty Co. is maintained at 1019 North La Brea, in this rapidly growing section of Inglewood.

Mr. Williams has been an active civic worker during practically the entire period of his business career. While residing in Alhambra he was a member of the City Commission of that place. Locally, he is a director of the Inglewood Federal Savings and Loan Association, a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club, and fraternally he belongs to the Masons and Elks. He is also affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce and is a past president of this important organization and was largely responsible for raising funds for the new building which was recently dedicated. He belongs to the California Real Estate Association and associated bodies.

The former Miss Rachael Hudson, the daughter of the late S. W. Hudson, who was one of Alhambra's most prominent citizens, became the wife of Mr. Williams in Alhambra. Their four children are: Elsie, the wife of Harold E. Kauffman; Rachael, the wife of Russell Langtry, of Alhambra; John, who is secretary-treasurer of the Sentinel Realty Co.; and Grace, the wife of John B. Kilroy, who is assistant secretary of the Sentinel Realty Co. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have ten grandchildren.

### **Ernest P. Miller**

The oldest meat market operator in Inglewood, in length of service, is Ernest P. Miller, who has engaged in this business here continuously for the past quarter of a century. Coming to this locality in 1922, he first worked in a market on Hyde Park Boulevard, of which he subsequently became the owner, but later he disposed of this business and now concentrates his activities at 320 East Manchester Avenue in Von's Market. Due to the splendid service rendered, he has an enviable business and his customers are attracted not only from the city of Inglewood but from a wide surrounding territory.

Mr. Miller was born at Emporia, Kansas, on January 2, 1892, the son of Chale and Maggie Miller. He went to school in his native state and as a young man worked in a drug store. In 1912 he moved to Pueblo, Colorado, where he was engaged in the meat business for a period of fifteen years.

During the First World War, Mr. Miller served in the 113th Field Signal Corps with the rank of sergeant, and he spent about nine months in France.

For several years during the construction of Boulder Dam, Mr. Miller operated a meat market at Boulder City, Nevada, having one of two permits issued by the United States Government.

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He is prominently identified with numerous organizations, including the Inglewood Rotary Club, of which he is a past director, and the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is also a past director. He is also a member of the American Legion, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Masons, Shriners, and Elks.

The former Miss Aileen Haney, a native of Missouri, became the wife of Mr. Miller.

The favorite sport of Mr. Miller is trout fishing, which he indulges in as frequently as possible on the Colorado River below Boulder Dam, which section is an all-year-round fishing center.

## **Eula A. Spaulding**

One of Inglewood's most highly respected citizens and an unusually competent city official is Mrs. Eula A. Spaulding, widow of the late Harry R. Spaulding, who succeeded her husband as City Treasurer in 1934 and has been re-elected to this important office on four occasions—in 1935, 1939, 1943, and 1947.

Mrs. Spaulding was born in Missouri, the daughter of Payton A. and Mary D. Amick. The family moved to Los Angeles in 1902 and her father engaged in the dairy business in or near Los Angeles for a quarter of a century.

Mrs. Spaulding was married in 1912 and Mr. Spaulding, a native of Fairmount, North Dakota, who had come to California in 1899 and attended school in Inglewood, engaged in the real estate and insurance business here until elected City Treasurer in 1927. He was not only successful in his business endeavors but worthily filled the office to which he was elected twice.

Mrs. Spaulding has the distinction of being one of the three members of the first class to graduate at Inglewood High School in 1909, and she has also taken special courses at the University of Southern California. She is a member of the Inglewood Women's Club, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Inglewood and is active in the First Baptist Church. Her six children are: Stanley, who is in the nursery business at Westchester; Robert, with the telephone company in Gold Hill, Oregon; Doris, Principal of the Augusta Mayo School in Compton, and wife of Roland Gilmore; Eleanor, the wife of George W. Hanes; Charlotte, the wife of John K. Price; and Janice, the wife of William C. Varn.



EULA A. SPAULDING



Mrs. Spaulding resided in the home which she owns at 312 West Queen Street from 1912 until 1946, in which latter year one of her daughters and her husband took occupancy of the house.

## **Harry S. Colmer**

When Harry S. Colmer was a little boy he was told that a man is fortunate should he be permitted to live on this earth for a period of sixty years. He decided to pack as much living into that period of time as it was possible to do. To measure life by the number of experiences rather than in terms of number of years or amounts of money seemed to offer the best way of accomplishing his goal.

As a youth he practically lived in the First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, his native city, where he was born in 1907. His plans to become a minister were interrupted by the sudden death of his mother and an end to his formal education. He was attending Schenley High School at the time. Since then he has had a taste of practically everything that life has to offer. He has earned his living at such things as: driving everything from taxi to long distance freight trucks, working for an electric company from stock boy to general manager, with utilities, auto factories and spring factories using up part of his life. He has sold practically everything from A to Izzard. If there is anything he has not sold he has probably sold something you attach to it.

Mr. Colmer even includes a couple of years of matching wits with gamblers as a part of his experience and making a living. During this period he thought he was lost, as gambling had such a strong hold on him that his friends thought he would make it his life's career. The breaking away was not easy; however, he snapped out of it. That was in his early twenties.

He has lived in Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, Philadelphia, New York and Biloxi before coming to California.

Somewhere along the line he found time to marry Marie Beck and they have one son, Harry, who graduated from Inglewood High School in 1949.

As a result of this diversified experience, Mr. Colmer has learned to love some things and to hate others. He wants to spent the rest of his life fighting for the things he believes in and against the things he hates. A return to the American free enterprise system is one of the things he considers worth fighting for. His current fight is to have wagering at the race tracks abolished in California. He hopes to see the day when Death Valley and the Salton Sea will be flooded with fresh water, rectified from sea water, using atomic fission as the source of energy.

To get the most out of life he suggests the following formula: That a person write down a list of things he feels to be important for an interesting

life, then, take MONEY off the top and put it down toward the bottom of the list. To really get the most out of life he suggests that one place FAITH IN GOD on the top of the list and not permit it to be shaken out of that position even for a small part of one day.

Mr. Colmer is a Realtor, being affiliated with the Inglewood Board of Realtors and the Hawthorne Board of Realtors. He is a member of the faculty of the California Real Estate Association and a member of the Education Committee of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. Although he has had as many as eight offices with a sales force of thirty-five people, Mr. Colmer considered his organization as a research laboratory to devise ways and means of developing scientific methods of selling real estate. His aim is to contribute something toward elevating the real estate business to a professional level. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce (Education Division) and belongs to the Inglewood Exchange Club. He attends the Fairview Heights Baptist Church.

### **W. G. Rathman, M. D.**

A prominent and highly rated member of the medical profession in Inglewood is Dr. W. G. Rathman, who was Chief of Staff of the Centinela Hospital when that institution was purchased from private owners and put on a non-profit basis. A native of Blair, Nebraska, he was born on December 29, 1906, son of G. A. and Grace Bell (Swihart) Rathman. His father is a retired business man and formerly was the Ford dealer in Blair.

Following the completion of his elementary and high school education in his native town, the future Dr. Rathman attended the University of Nebraska and holds the degrees of A.B., B.S. and M.D. from that institution. He interned at the United States Public Health Service hospital in Chicago and also at the Grant Hospital in Chicago and subsequently was a resident at a United States Public Health hospital in Seattle and later in New Mexico. He began private practice in the town of Carrizozo, New Mexico, where he operated his own hospital, continuing there for three years.

It was in 1938 that Dr. Rathman came to California. He practiced for about two years in the town of Bell, and then came to Inglewood, and has been here ever since. While carrying on a general practice, he gives special attention to surgery, in which branch of the profession he is widely known.

Dr. Rathman is a member of the American Medical Association and affiliated organizations and holds the important position of Counselor for the California Physicians Service, representing the Southwest Section of Los Angeles County. He belongs to Alpha Omega Alpha, honorary medical fraternity. He



HARRY S. COLMER



is a member and past president of the Morningside Park Lions Club, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Masons.

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Rathman has several important business interests and is president of two corporations.

The former Miss Theresa Holzer became Dr. Rathman's wife. The doctor's hobbies are photography, both still and movie, and big game hunting.

### **Merle A. Smith, M. D.**

Dr. Merle A. Smith has for a number of years had the unique distinction of being the only medical doctor with offices in Lennox. Taking up practice in this area in 1933, he has continued there ever since, except for the period of three years when he served in the United States Navy.

Dr. Smith was born at Kansas City, Missouri, on February 11, 1905, the son of Fred A. and Bertha (Ward) Smith. His early education was received in Kansas City, where he completed the first six grades of grammar school; the seventh and eighth grades were at Tacoma, Washington, and there he entered high school, remaining three years, after which he returned to Kansas City and graduated from high school there. Following this he took a three-year course at the Kansas City Junior College and then entered the University of Missouri Medical School, remaining there for two years and then transferring to the University of Kansas, where he received his M.D. degree in 1931.

Dr. Smith served his internship at the Methodist Hospital in Los Angeles, and then took post-graduate work in the Los Angeles City Maternity Service, continuing a year, after which he began practice.

Dr. Smith has been football physician for the Leuzinger High School for a number of years, and also examining physician for the school.

While he carries on a general practice, Dr. Smith has become exceptionally well and favorably known as an obstetrician and gynecologist.

Affiliations include the American, California and Los Angeles County Medical Associations and Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity. He is a past president of the 20-30 Club of Inglewood, and has been a member of the Lions Club for several years.

Dr. Smith's record in the Navy during World War II is particularly worthy of note. He volunteered for service soon after the United States entered the conflict, and was commissioned Lieutenant Commander. He served three years in the Pacific Theater and participated in four major engagements and in the Philippine liberation. He continues his interest in military and naval affairs by being a member of the American Legion.

The doctor has maintained a lifelong interest in outdoor sports and is a particular devotee of golf. For a number of years he has been interested in the

work of the Boy Scouts, and has been assistant scout master of Troop No. 2030.

The former Miss Elizabeth Irene McCoy became the wife of Dr. Smith on June 7, 1931, at Kansas City, Missouri. They have two daughters, Talma Lou and Judith Allen, who were born in California.

The doctor served the Inglewood Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Association as Secretary-Treasurer from 1947 to 1949, and President from 1949-1950.

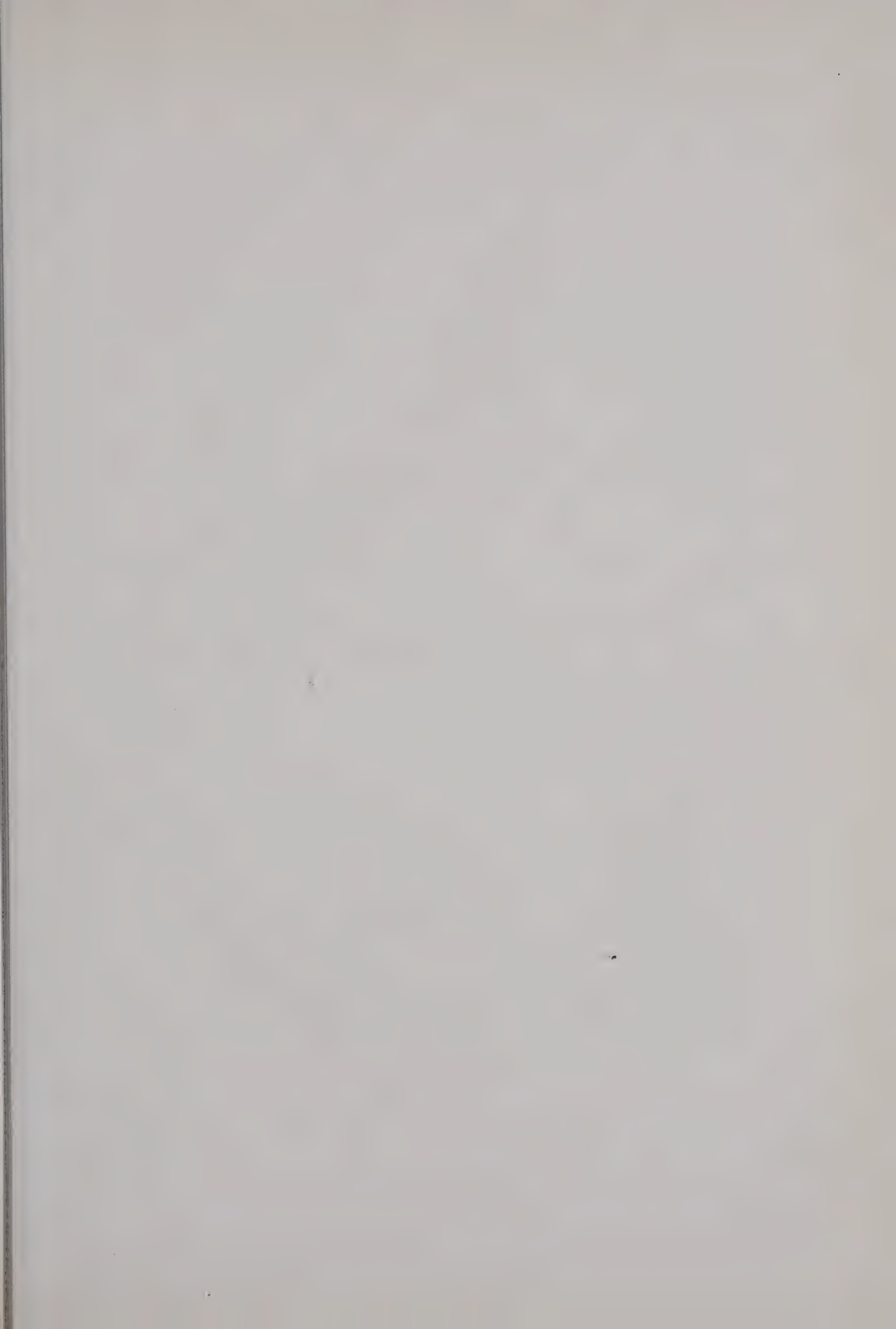
### **E. M. McGough**

E. M. McGough, well-known and highly regarded real estate dealer of the Centinela Valley, is a rare example of a man who completely changed his occupation in middle life and made a definite success of his new business. After railroading for about a quarter of a century, the greater part of which time he was a locomotive engineer, Mr. McGough came to California for his health and soon located in the Lennox district and opened a real estate office on Hawthorne Avenue. Not only has his health been almost completely restored, but Mr. McGough has been able to lead a most active life and, in addition to building up a large real estate business, he has taken a prominent part in the affairs of his profession. In 1939 he was the president of the Inglewood Real Estate Board (now the Inglewood Board of Realtors) and the following year he was a vice-president of the California Real Estate Association, representing the 16th District. He is currently a director of the Inglewood Board of Realtors.

Mr. McGough was born October 28, 1877, in Alleghany, now part of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, son of Thomas and Celia McGough. When only nine years old, he was orphaned and then went to Colorado to live with an aunt and received his schooling in the town of Del Norte, in that state. When still a youth he started railroading and was with the Colorado Southern Railroad and later with the Denver and Salt Lake road. It was in 1927 that he came to California, and he has been here ever since.

Mr. McGough was formerly vice-president of the old Lennox Improvement and Protective Association, and he is now a member of the Executive Board of the new organization known as the Lennox Civic Association. He is a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of Inglewood Chapter No. 131 Royal Arch Masons, a Shriner, Past Chancellor Commander of Centennial Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, Denver, Colorado, and is still a member of that organization.

The former Miss Lola I. Beam, of Denver, became the wife of Mr. McGough in 1897, and they had the happy experience of celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary two years ago. Three sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McGough: Lloyd Leroy, who has been connected with the Monte-





VERNON P. SPENCER

bello plant of the Helms Bakery since the beginning and is now plant manager; Earl M., a mechanical engineer with the Helms Bakeries in Culver City; and Edward B., a Certified Public Accountant, who passed away in 1940. All the sons became Masons.

Mr. and Mrs. McGough have lived to have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### **Vernon P. Spencer**

Vernon P. Spencer has long occupied a leading position among lawyers of the Centinela Valley, and he is widely known in Inglewood as a civic leader and an exceptionally able attorney who enjoys a very large practice.

Mr. Spencer was born in Leipzig, Germany, on November 11, 1901. The family came to America in 1910 and first made their home in Redondo. Vernon Spencer, Sr., was a noted musician and composer. He was a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Leipzig, and taught music in that city for sixteen years. He was director of the Conservatory of Music of Nebraska Wesleyan University for several years, and from 1921 until 1924 was assistant professor of music at U. C. L. A.

The subject of this sketch attended elementary schools in several different places in Los Angeles County, including Redondo Beach, Pasadena, Highland Park and Garvanza. He went to Franklin High School for two years and graduated from Los Angeles High School. He then entered Stanford University, from which institution he holds the degrees of A.B. and J.D.

Mr. Spencer has held numerous official positions in the organizations with which he has been identified. He has twice been president of the Inglewood Township Bar Association and is a former member of the board of trustees of the Los Angeles Bar Association, as well as having been a member of various Administrative Committees of the State Bar for Los Angeles County. He has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Inglewood Union High School by appointment, and likewise served a term on the Board of Education, City of Inglewood. He has been general chairman of the Community Chest drive in Inglewood. An active member of the Kiwanis Club, he is past president of the local club and a former Lieutenant Governor of Division No. 1 of the California-Nevada District of Kiwanis International. Long interested in the activities of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, he is a former president of that body. He was formerly identified with the Boy Scout organization as district Commissioner and is a past scout master. In line with his interest in youth, he serves on the board of directors of the Inglewood Y. M. C. A. He is currently president of the Centinela Music Association. His fraternal affiliations

are with the Masons and Shriners, being president of the Inglewood Shrine Club for the year 1949.

Mr. Spencer began his practice of law in Inglewood nearly twenty-five years ago, and for a time he was in partnership with the present Judge Newcomb Condee, but since the latter's election to the bench he practiced alone until January, 1949, when he took Mr. Phil Harris into partnership with him, the firm now being known as Spencer and Harris.

Miss Helen E. Nelson became the wife of Mr. Spencer on June 12, 1926. Three children have been born to this union: Patricia Jean, a graduate of the noted Stephens College in Missouri; Vernon Ellsworth, who entered Knox College in Illinois in the Fall of 1949; and Gwendolyn Joice, a student at Inglewood High School.

Mrs. Spencer, like her husband, has been active in community affairs. She is past president of the Kiwanee Club, a member of the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A., a member of the Board of the Patten-Teacher Association of the High School, and is affiliated with chapter HN, P. E. O.

## **Philip H. Harris**

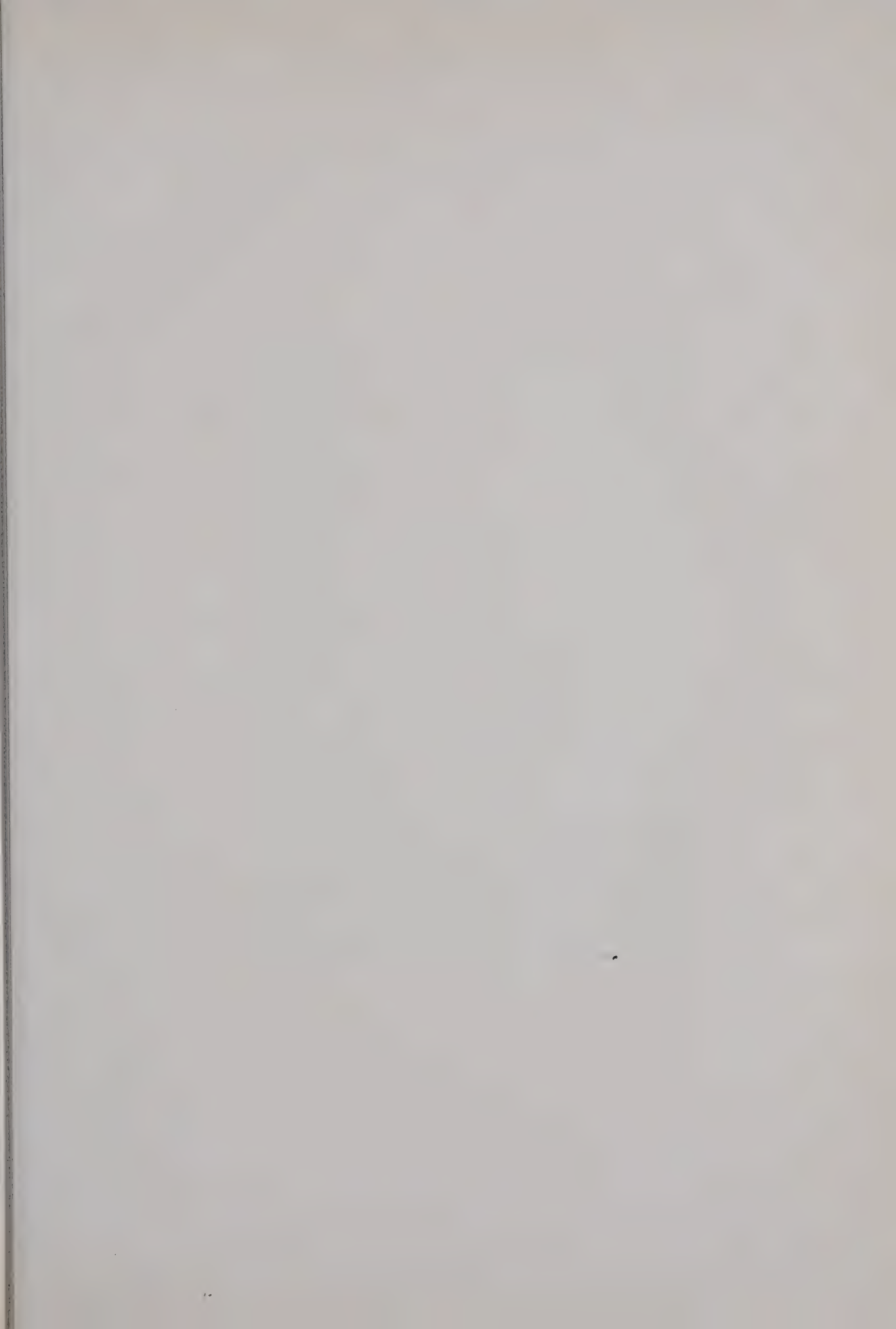
One of the ablest young lawyers in Inglewood and one who has risen rapidly in his profession since his separation from the Service and the taking up of private practice is Philip H. Harris, who practices in partnership with Vernon P. Spencer.

A native of New York City, New York, Mr. Harris was born May 14, 1920, the son of Philip Howard Harris and Geraldine Dare Harris. It is interesting to note that his mother traces her ancestry directly to the Dare family of early American colonists.

Mr. Harris received his early education in New York City and in Forest Hills, Long Island, and graduated from Horace Mann School for Boys, in Riverdale, New York. His family visited California in the early 1930's, and in 1936 they returned here to make it their home. Mr. Harris received his higher education at Stanford University and Harvard Law School.

He was commissioned in the United States Naval Reserve early in 1942 and served overseas in the Pacific Ocean Area and completed a tour of duty on the staff of N. S. C. S. While in the Service, he also was assigned to the Harvard University School of Business Administration. He was released to inactive duty in March of 1946.

It was in January, 1947, that Mr. Harris first become associated with the law offices of Vernon P. Spencer, and in January, 1949, he was admitted to partnership, and the firm now bears the name of Spencer and Harris.





JOHN W. GLASGOW

Local affiliations include the 20-30 Club, of which he has been a Director, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he has served as Secretary and Vice-President. His college fraternity is Sigma Chi, and he is a member of the State Bar of California, the Los Angeles Bar Association, and the Inglewood South Bay Township Bar Association. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the latter.

The former Miss Edith Carr became the wife of Mr. Harris on April 2, 1943, at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Their two children are Keith Dare and Sally Ann Harris.

Mr. Harris' hobby is model making.

## **John W. Glasgow**

John W. Glasgow was a noted pioneer citizen of Inglewood, and had resided in this community for over thirty years when he passed away on December 25, 1943. He had played a most active part in civic affairs and rendered services which were of inestimable value.

Mr. Glasgow was born in Washington, Iowa, on December 1, 1877, the son of William B. and Josephine J. Glasgow. He received his early education in Kansas and then came to California and attended Whittier Academy for two years, after which he went back to the Middle West and taught school in Kansas and Nebraska. He attended and graduated from Campbell University, Holton, Kansas. He voluntarily served as a soldier in the War with Spain. He began service with the Santa Fe Railroad in 1900 and was transferred to Los Angeles in 1907. Three years later, he moved to Inglewood and made his home here until the end of his life, although his business connection had been with the Santa Fe Railroad in Los Angeles during all this time.

Mr. Glasgow served on the City Council during the 1922-27 period when mushrooming growth of Inglewood outmoded most of the previously functional municipal services. To give direction to the growth and provide a basis of solution for the problems involved, a City Charter was accepted. A new City Hall was erected to house the increasing staff. Problems of increased demand for water were met by voting of a bond issue for more wells and equipment. The procurement of additional land on each side of Manchester east of Prairie at a low cost later made the change from a narrow road to a highway comparatively simple.

He was one of those most responsible for having the bonds passed for the installation of sewerage in Inglewood, and it is significant that the work was done by the city within the estimated sum, and a small amount of money was left over.

He was a Mason and a member of the United Spanish-American War Veterans.

During the last few years of his life, Mr. Glasgow served on the City Planning and Recreation Commission, and he maintained a lifelong interest in the history of the city.

Mr. Glasgow married the former Miss Alice G. Healy, and she has lived in Inglewood for over forty years now and survives her husband with three children: Dorothy H. (Mrs. G. K. Brill), a teacher in the Woodrow Wilson High School in Los Angeles; L. Cameron, who was a Major in the United States Army during World War II, having served in the European theater with General Patch's Army, and is now with the New York Life Insurance Company in Riverside; and Willis H., who is connected with the Apple Valley Ranchos development.

### **Otto A. Dressen**

One of the largest and most successful real estate organizations in Inglewood is the Dressen Realty Company, headed by Otto A. Dressen, who has been engaged in this line of activity for many years, having been a real estate operator in Iowa for fifteen years prior to coming to Inglewood to engage in the same line of business.

Born in the town of Belle Plain, Iowa, on March 15, 1884, Otto A. Dressen is a son of John H. and Fredrika Dressen. He attended school in northwestern Iowa, in which section of the state he lived most of his life prior to coming to California. Originally a barber, Mr. Dressen subsequently was a traveling grocery salesman. He entered the real estate business in the town of Estherville, Iowa, and was active also in the town of Sibley, Iowa. Coming to California and locating in Inglewood, his first connection was with the Moseley and Bush Real Estate Company. In 1935, Mr. Moseley died, and the firm was soon taken over by Jack R. Williams, of the Sentinel Realty Company, and Mr. Dressen was associated with the latter firm for a few months. Then, in 1936, he and his son, Gorlon L., established the Dressen Realty Company, which was first located on North Market Street, and later moved to the present location on East Manchester Boulevard. In addition, a branch is maintained on West Arbor Vitae Street. From eight to ten people are employed in the Dressen organization, and in addition to a large real estate brokerage business, a growing and well rated insurance department is also maintained. During the course of his real estate activity in Inglewood, Mr. Dressen and members of his organization have been responsible for the sale of many hundreds of thousands of dollars of real estate, and the firm is regarded as one of the top ones of the Centinela Valley.



OTTO A. DRESSEN



Mr. Dressen is a Realtor and has long been active in the Inglewood Board of Realtors.

He married the former Miss Leona B. Underhill, originally from Ashton, Iowa, on December 31, 1906. Four children have been born to this happy union: Donald D., of the Electronics Corporation of Pasadena; Gordon L., his father's real estate partner; Vernon, who operates an ornamental iron and welding company in Inglewood; and Mrs. Viola Boddy, who is employed in an important office of Los Angeles County. There are five grandchildren.

Mr. Dressen is an enthusiastic baseball fan and he enjoys fishing and gardening.

## **Al Davis**

An outstanding merchant of Inglewood and a man who enjoys the high esteem of the community is Al Davis, men's clothier, who, in the course of the past eleven years, has built up an exceedingly large business and has participated generously in community affairs.

Mr. Davis is a native of Byesville, Ohio, born April 6, 1909, son of Ben and Helen Davis. He was educated in his native town and while still attending high school he worked part-time for the Kroger Baking and Grocery Company, widely-known chain institution in the Eastern states. He was engaged in the insurance business in Cleveland for about a year, and in 1929 he came to California, residing in San Francisco for about six months, where he was employed by a clothing firm for whom he opened and managed a branch in Los Angeles.

Having resigned this latter position in 1938, Mr. Davis purchased the clothing store which he now operates in Inglewood and changed the name to his own. Virtually everything in men's apparel except shoes is carried in the Davis store, and due to the splendid assortment of merchandise and reasonable prices, the business has had a continued and growing patronage.

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Mr. Davis has many affiliations. He is a past-president of the Merchants Association and a former director of the Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having attained the 32nd Degree, and he is a member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple and the Inglewood Shrine Club. Other fraternal affiliations include the Elks, Moose, Odd Fellows, Eagles and Knights of Pythias. His service club is the Optimist.

Mr. Davis married Miss Edna Pepperman in Long Beach. They have two children, Hedy Kay and Gary Jay.

Mr. Davis' favorite sport is horsemanship, and he is the owner of a stable of his own.

### **Arnold L. Jensen, M. D., F. A. C. S.**

A member of the medical profession in Inglewood who has an outstanding background of professional experience, particularly as a surgeon, and whose war record during the recent conflict is particularly worthy of mention, is Dr. Arnold L. Jensen, who began practice in this city soon after the end of the war.

A native of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dr. Jensen was born August 6, 1898, son of Andrew C. and Mary (Andersen) Jensen. His father was formerly an implement dealer in Council Bluffs and representative there of the well-known firm of Deere and Company.

The future doctor received his elementary schooling in Council Bluffs and then entered the University of Nebraska, where he completed both his pre-medical and medical courses, having been awarded the degrees of B.S. and M.D. from this institution. He interned for a year at the Gorgas Memorial Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone. Then, for a period of four years, he was a surgical resident at the Baltimore City Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. He next took up private practice in Council Bluffs, continuing there until 1941, when he was called to active service in the Medical Corps of the Army, having been in the Reserve Corps since 1921. Originally commissioned Major, he was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and finally to Colonel. Practically his entire service during the war was in the South Pacific, where he was attached to general hospitals as a surgeon for five and a half years. He retains his statue in the Reserve Corps as a Colonel.

It was in December, 1946, that Dr. Jensen opened his offices in Inglewood. He has the distinction of being a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and his practice is devoted almost exclusively to surgery. He is a member of the staff of the Centinela Hospital. He also belongs to the American Medical Association and affiliated bodies. His medical fraternity is Phi Chi. He is a York Rite Mason and a member of the Lions Club of Inglewood.

### **Fred E. Edwards**

An amazing record of business success of Inglewood is shown in the growth of the Southwest Savings and Loan Association in Morningside Park, organized and headed by Fred E. Edwards. Opened as recently as February, 1946, with original capital and surplus of \$40,000, this figure has increased to \$180,000 and the savings accounts aggregate \$3,500,000 and total assets are considerably over \$4,000,000.

A native of Steubenville, Ohio, Mr. Edwards was born September 4, 1904, son of William and Jenny (Gettings) Edwards. He received his elementary



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and high school education in Toledo, and has taken various special courses in finance.

Coming to California in 1922, Mr. Edwards started as a messenger boy with the Bank of America at the branch at Ninth and Main Streets, Los Angeles. After various promotions, he subsequently was made Manager of the branch at Vermont and Forty-eighth Street, continuing there for a period of thirteen years. He resigned this position to organize the Southwest Savings and Loan Association, which has become very widely and favorably known throughout the Southwest area.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Edwards is a director and past treasurer of the Morningside Park Lions Club. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masons, Shriners, and the Inglewood Shrine Club.

He married Miss Marion Cook, and they have twin daughters, Diane and Maryann. Mr. Edwards' favorite sports are golf, fishing and hunting.

## **J. Clough Frudenberg, M. D.**

For a number of years Dr. J. Clough Frudenberg has ranked as a leader in the medical profession of Inglewood. Devoting himself almost exclusively to obstetrics and gynecology, he is widely known for his skill in his specialties.

Dr. Frudenberg was born at Madison, South Dakota, on May 3, 1907, the son of Dr. Henry H. and Nina (Clough) Frudenberg. Dr. Alonzo E. Clough, maternal grandfather of Dr. Clough Frudenberg, was a pioneer in South Dakota, having gone there in the early days in a covered wagon from Indiana, and he had the distinction of founding one of the first, if not the first, hospital in the state. Dr. Henry Frudenberg was an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, and practiced in South Dakota and in Minneapolis for many years. Although he never resided in California, he made many visits here during the winter months as a tourist.

The subject of this sketch received his elementary schooling in his native town, and his high school work was taken in Minneapolis. He spent two years at the University of Minnesota in pre-medical work, and then transferred to the University of Iowa, where he received his M.D. degree in 1933. Following this he interned at the Jersey City Medical Center, and at the City of Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Dr. Frudenberg came to Inglewood in 1934, having been attracted here because his father was an old-time friend of Dr. J. Frank Garrison—dean of the medical profession in Inglewood.

During World War II Dr. Frudenberg served in the Medical Corps of the United States Navy with the rank of Lieutenant. During his two years of active

duty he spent about a year at sea in the South Pacific and for another year he was Chief of Surgery in the Naval Hospital at Eneiwok, Marshall Islands.

Dr. Frudenberg's offices are now located at 333 East Nutwood, and here his brother, Karl, and Drs. George E. Webster and L. L. Huff are associated with him. Professional affiliations include the American, California and Los Angeles County Medical Associations, and he is a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He belongs to the Phi Sigma Rho Medical Fraternity, as well as Sigma Xi Scientific Fraternity. His service club is the Lions, and he is a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Frudenberg married Miss Roslyn Smith, a graduate of the University of Minnesota and a member of Pi Beta Phi. The children are James and Karen.

The Frudenberg family attends the Church of the Holy Faith.

## **Joseph J. Hodges**

Joseph J. Hodges, who conducts the popular store known as "Hodges'" at 229 East Queen Street, has the largest floor covering business in this area. Specializing in nationally advertised brands of linoleum, broadloom carpets, rugs and asphalt tile, he has built up an enviable business in these lines throughout Southern California. He also handles window shades and venetian blinds. In addition to the headquarters on Queen Street, two warehouses are owned by the firm, one at Lennox and one in Hawthorne.

Mr. Hodges was born in Los Angeles, son of John Garfield and Leila Elizabeth Hodges. His father, who is now deceased, was formerly associated with four brothers in the ownership of a large cattle and packing company of Yuma, Arizona, which maintained wholesale stores in Los Angeles and other places. It is interesting to note that his father at one time owned most of the town of Mexicali, Mexico, until it was burned out during the revolution headed by Pancho Villa.

Joseph Hodges attended elementary school in Los Angeles and also Lincoln and Roosevelt High Schools. He subsequently took a course in blueprint reading given by a professor of the California Institute of Technology. His first experience in his present line of business was with a floor covering concern in East Los Angeles. For about four years, he was with the Standard Ice Company at Vernon, California, and subsequently, for a period of two years, he was with the Consolidated Steel Company. From 1935 until 1941, he was employed by the Barker Brothers furniture store in Los Angeles, and in the latter year he became Pacific Coast representative for the Congoleum Nairn Company, of Kearney, New Jersey, and with headquarters at San Francisco, he covered the states of Nevada, Oregon and California for the firm.



JOSEPH J. HODGES



In 1943, Mr. Hodges purchased the floor covering business of George Hepburn in Inglewood, and in the course of the past six years he has greatly expanded the business. From fifteen to twenty people are employed, each one a specialist in his line. Working in close cooperation with architects and contractors, Mr. Hodges' firm is widely and favorably known throughout Southern California.

Prominent in local affairs, Mr. Hodges is a member of the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Elks Club, and the Knights of Columbus, his church being St. John's Catholic Parish. He is past-president of the Inglewood Retail Merchants Association, and in line with his business, he is a member of the Southern California Floor Covering Association.

The former Miss Willa Spellman became the wife of Mr. Hodges. She is a native of Colorado and came to Inglewood at the age of eight. Their two children are Jerry Richard and Willa Joe. The former received a Presidential appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and has an honorable discharge from this institution. He is now attending the University of Southern California. The latter, commonly known as "Jodi," is still too young to go to school.

### **E. G. Burrows, M. D.**

It is given to a comparatively few persons to master one profession, but Dr. E. G. Burrows has the unique distinction of having mastered two. Prior to taking up the practice of medicine, he was a minister in the Seventh Day Adventist Church and had charge of the church of this denomination in Inglewood prior to beginning the practice of medicine here.

An Englishman by birth, but an American by naturalization, Dr. Burrows was born at Grantham, England (the birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton), son of George Henry and Juliana Burrows.

Dr. Burrows graduated from Stanborough College, in London, with the degree of B.A. in Theology in 1929 and had a small church in London for a time. He came to the United States in 1930 and spent one semester at the University of Southern California working for a Master's degree. He subsequently studied for two years at Pacific Union College and took an A.B. degree in history there. He then returned to Southern California and became minister of a Seventh Day Adventist Church in Los Angeles. At the same time he had this charge he took a pre-medical course at the Los Angeles Junior College.

Dr. Burrows' medical course was taken at the College of Medical Evangelists and completed in 1939, in which year he received his degree of M.D. He then returned to the old country and matriculated at the University of Edinburgh in order to become a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians

and Surgeons. However, his course was interrupted by the outbreak of World War II and he soon returned to this country and began his medical practice in Inglewood, which has continued for the past ten years.

Dr. Burrows' very thorough training and his experience as a minister have made him unusually well qualified to conduct his medical practice. A keen student of human nature and a great believer in psycho-therapy, he utilizes this comparatively new science to great advantage in treating his patients. In many cases, he finds that psycho-therapy treatment is much more effective than the prescription of medicine.

Dr. Burrows has the distinction of being one of the few members of the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States, and he is also a member of the Academy of General Practitioners. In addition, he belongs to the American, California, and Los Angeles County Medical Associations as well as the American Heart Association.

Dr. Burrows married Miss Miriam Usher in Inglewood. She is a Registered Nurse. Their children are Peter, Victoria, and Edward.

Dr. and Mrs. Burrows are now members of the Episcopal Church.

## **Sam T. Hill**

For nearly twenty-five years Sam T. Hill has been engaged in the real estate business in Inglewood, and is, therefore, one of the oldest members of this profession in the city, in length of service. When he first came here, he acquired the agency for the Los Angeles Herald for the southwest district, which he still retains, in addition to operating his large real estate and insurance organization, which consists of a personnel of about ten people.

Mr. Hill was born in Hillsville, Tennessee, on June 19, 1896, the son of S. W. and Matilda Hill. He attended grade and high school in his native state, and as a young man learned telegraphy and worked as a telegraph operator for the Santa Fe Railroad until the outbreak of World War I, his last post being in New Mexico. He spent about one year in military service, and was in the Medical Department of the Army, stationed at Nogales and Yuma. Following his discharge he was engaged in several occupations in Yuma, and for a time was in the United States Reclamation Service.

It was in 1921 that Mr. Hill came to California. For three years he followed the carpenter trade in Los Angeles and then came to Inglewood and has been here ever since.

Mr. Hill was president of what was then known as the Inglewood Realty Board in 1933 and for several years served as its secretary, now being on the board of directors. He is a past vice-president of the California Real Estate

Association, a past president of the Associated Realty Boards of Los Angeles County, and is currently a director at large of the California Real Estate Association, having held this important position for over ten years. He has also been president of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and now on its board of directors, and is a Past Exalted Ruler of the Inglewood Elks Lodge.

The former Miss Iris Robertson became the wife of Mr. Hill. They have a son and a daughter: Joe, who served in the United States Army for three and a half years in the recent war and is now associated in his father's business; and Mary Charm, a student at the University of California.

In addition to his other affiliations, Mr. Hill is an active member of the American Legion Post in Inglewood and has been a Kiwanian since 1935. He finds his chief diversion on his five-hundred-acre ranch located at Yuma, Arizona.

### **Lester E. Wight, M. D.**

An unusually popular and highly rated member of the medical profession of Inglewood is Dr. Lester E. Wight, who, in the course of a very short time, has developed an exceedingly large practice, giving special attention to orthopedics.

A native of Park City, Utah, Dr. Wight was born August 18, 1905, son of Judge Lee Brayton and Kitty (Kidder) Wight. His father, a prominent lawyer of Utah, was a judge in Salt Lake City for several years.

Following graduation from high school in Salt Lake City, the future doctor entered Syracuse University, his father's alma mater, and there received the degree of B.S. Subsequently, he completed his medical course at the same institution and was awarded his M.D. degree there. He interned in Syracuse, Salt Lake City and in Los Angeles, and early evinced an aptitude for orthopedics.

Dr. Wight engaged in private practice in Salt Lake City for three years and following the completion of post-graduate work he returned there. However, having had a desire to live in California, he ultimately came to Los Angeles, and for a period of ten years he held the important position of Chief Surgeon for the Department of Water and Power of the city of Los Angeles. He is still associated with the Department in an advisory capacity. In December, 1947, that he took up private practice in Inglewood.

Dr. Wight is a member of the various medical associations as well as Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club and is a Mason.

The former Miss Sally Porteous, of Pittston, Pennsylvania, became the wife of Dr. Wight. They have one son, Gerie, who attends Inglewood High School.

## **Jordan E. Dunaway**

If a vote were taken in the city of Hawthorne as to that community's most prominent businessman, the name of Jordan E. Dunaway, a resident of Inglewood, would be at or near the top. Ever since entering the funeral directing business in that city, Mr. Dunaway has been outstandingly active in furthering the civic development of Hawthorne. He was instrumental in the organization of practically every civic, social and fraternal organization of Hawthorne; he was organizer and first chairman of the Hawthorne-Lawndale Coordinating Council; he was co-organizer and Charter member and first President of the Rotary Club. He was co-organizer and charter member and First Noble Grand of the Hawthorne Odd Fellows Lodge of Hawthorne; co-organizer and charter member of the Hawthorne Rebecca Lodge; charter member of the Eagles Lodge of Hawthorne; charter member and secretary of the Moose Lodge of Inglewood. Mr. Dunaway is past president of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce. He was president for two years of the Keystone Class of the First Methodist Church of Inglewood, where he is head usher at the present time. He served for three years on the Inglewood Union High School Board, now Centinela Valley Union High School District. He is at the present time serving a two-year term as Director of El Camino College, located in Alondra Park.

Mr. Dunaway, known as "Jim" to most of his friends, was born at Forresterburg, Texas, on November 18, 1896, son of William H. and Margaret Ann (Cox) Dunaway. He attended school in Texas and also in Oklahoma, and spent the greater part of his youth in the latter state, and he was an automobile mechanic by trade, subsequently living eight years in Colorado.

Mr. Dunaway took courses at the Colorado College of Mortuary Science in Denver, and, becoming a licensed embalmer, he entered business in Pueblo, continuing there until 1924. The following year he came to California and purchased what was then known as the Hawthorne Undertaking Company, a small organization located at 195 North Hawthorne Boulevard. He negotiated a five-year lease on a new building at that location and at the same time purchased a mortuary site at the present location, 300 East Broadway, and in 1932 he built and opened a modern and up-to-date mortuary known as the Dunaway Funeral Home, where it is operating today with the most modern mortuary equipment and providing the ideal service.

Mr. Dunaway's business and daily life has been built around the principle of "Service Above Self." In his profession he has been able to serve many families in Centinela Valley who were financially poor, and they have had the same service at the Dunaway Funeral Home as the families who were financially able to pay more. He has assisted many a youth in this Valley with words of encouragement and financial aid, and he receives many letters of thanks for that

help in recent years. He has also helped many families, both morally and financially when the "going was rough." He has shared his success in business with his family and friends, and employees. The friendly and courteous atmosphere that surrounds the Dunaway Funeral Home is a direct tribute to his leadership and generosity.

Mr. Dunaway married Miss Juaneita Douglas, and they have two children: Knox and Dea Dunaway. The latter is attending Christian College in Columbia, Missouri, and the former is married and he and his wife are both attending Pepperdine College.

Perhaps Mr. Dunaway's two greatest interests outside of his business are horses and the Rotary Club. He is a breeder of Palomino horses and is noted for his long treks on horseback to various parts of Southern California, and he has been a familiar figure as a horseman in various parades, not only in Southern California but also in other parts of the southwest. His prize Palomino is "Pilot Bill," who has taken many blue ribbons. As a Rotarian, Mr. Dunaway has spoken to over a hundred Rotary Clubs throughout the United States and in Western Canada.

### **William M. Tandy, M. D.**

Dr. William M. Tandy, a prominent member of the medical profession of Inglewood, is a native of London, England, born January 27, 1904, son of Joseph and Kate Tandy. His father having preceded them here, he and his mother came to the United States in 1907, and the future doctor received his high school education in Dayton, Ohio, where he had the distinction of winning a Harvard scholarship. His academic course was completed at the University of Chicago, and he holds the degree of B.S. from this institution. He received his M.D. degree at Ohio State University in June, 1934, and interned at the Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton. His graduate courses in his specialties of eye, ear, nose and throat work have been taken at the Harlem Hospital in Brooklyn and at the hospital of the University of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Tandy practiced for three years and a half at Zanesville, Ohio, and then for a period of two years he was at the East Cleveland Clinic, in charge of the eye, ear, nose and throat department. In January, 1945, he came to Inglewood, taking over the practice of the late Dr. E. H. Crane. He has recently moved into his own attractive new medical building at 307 North Locust St.

Dr. Tandy served for a time in the Medical Corps of the Army during the recent war, and he is a Consultant to the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration in Los Angeles. He belongs to the American, California, and Los Angeles County Medical Associations, and his medical fraternity is Phi Delta Epsilon. His service club is the Optimist.

The former Miss Katherine Baker became the wife of Dr. Tandy. She was formerly a high school teacher in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Tandy's avocations are photography and music. He played for four years in a college band and also engaged in music on a professional basis during his younger years.

## **Clyde Woodworth**

One of Inglewood's substantial citizens and a lawyer with an enviable state-wide reputation is Clyde Woodworth, who has served as City Attorney of Inglewood continuously for the past thirty-six years; for the city of El Segundo for thirty-three years; for the city of South Gate for nineteen years; Manhattan Beach for fifteen years; and on June First, 1949, was appointed City Attorney of Gardena. He also has served in similar office in the city of Hawthorne (1926-1928); city of Redondo Beach (1929-1934); and Beverly Hills (1917-1922). He has, therefore, been a City Attorney considerably over one hundred cumulative City Attorney years.

He was born in Inglewood, January 30, 1890, son of Willard L. and Maria (Nan) Woodworth.

Mr. Woodworth is a product of the Inglewood schools, having attended grammar school in the little old, red brick building which stood near the corner of Queen Street and Grevillea Avenue. He was a freshman student on the opening day of the Inglewood Union High School and completed the four-year course. In 1908, during his junior year, his mother died. He next attended Occidental College for a term, but owing to serious illness and lack of funds, was compelled to give up his day classes and attend night classes of the University of Southern California Law School, working in the day time to meet expenses. After three years of such study, he took and successfully passed the bar examination of the State of California and became a full-fledged attorney in January, 1913. In April of the same year he was made City Attorney of Inglewood, an office which he has held continuously ever since that time.

In addition to carrying on a large private practice of law, and representing the communities mentioned above in a legal capacity, Mr. Woodworth has taken an active part in civic affairs and has been prominently identified with numerous organization. He was the first president of the Inglewood Bar Association, and was also president of the local Rotary Club in 1926. He has given his support to the Chamber of Commerce, of which he served as director. For many years, he was a trustee and secretary of the Board of the First Presbyterian church. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masons, Elks, Woodmen of the World, and Native Sons (past president of Centinela Parlor).



CLYDE WOODWORTH



Mr. Woodworth is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of California, Los Angeles Bar Association, and Inglewood South Bay Bar Association. He also belongs to the City Attorneys' Section of the League of California Cities and is a member of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers.

During the course of Mr. Woodworth's long connection with the legal affairs of the city of Inglewood, he has handled many important cases. Undoubtedly one of the most important of these was the case against the city in connection with the annexation of the Morningside Park area. When the proceedings were instituted by the city for the annexation of this section, some of the large landowners objected to the annexation and sought to nullify the proceedings in court. However, the reviewing courts sustained the legality of the proceedings, and the annexation was accordingly confirmed. All the litigation for the case, which was carried to the Supreme Court, was handled by Mr. Woodworth, and its successful conclusion was due to his efforts. The property involved in the annexation has returned hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue to the city and now represents one of the finest sections of the city.

Mr. Woodworth married Miss Flora M. Zier, a native of Chicago, on September 8, 1913. Their daughter, Marjorie Flora, now the wife of Michael Kosturick, resides in Inglewood.

Mr. Woodworth is listed in "Who's Who" on the Pacific Coast.

### **Kenneth R. Douglas, O. D.**

The oldest optometrist in Inglewood in length of practice, who devotes himself exclusively to his profession, is Dr. Kenneth D. Douglas, who has resided in this community for over a quarter of a century and has maintained offices for the past twenty years. Coming here in 1924 with his parents, he graduated from Inglewood High School two years later, and then took the course at the College of Optometry at the University of Southern California, graduating in 1929. Immediately thereafter, he commenced practice in association with Dr. C. W. Farmer, whom he was with for five years. Since 1934 he has practiced alone, and his offices are at 167 North Market Street, the location of a drug store where he worked while attending school and college.

Dr. Douglas was born in Midvale, Utah, on February 4, 1907, the son of Richard E. and Grace E. (Colcord) Douglas. His father was formerly a druggist in Inglewood. Dr. Douglas' family has an interesting historical background. His paternal grandfather crossed the plains in the early days and had the first blacksmith shop in Ogden, Utah. William Colcord, his maternal grandfather, was a pioneer school teacher in the state of Illinois.

Before the age limit barred him from further activity in the organization, Dr. Douglas was prominent in the 23-30 Club, of which he served as president. He is a member of and past president of the Inglewood Rotary Club and a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce. Professionally, he belongs to the American and California Optometric Associations and the Los Angeles County Optometric Association, of which latter he is secretary. He has recently been appointed a member of the corporation for the Los Angeles College of Optometry.

In 1938 Dr. Douglas married Miss Geraldine Dauphine.

The doctor's hobbies are outdoor life and photography, and examples of his skill in photography are the unusually fine pictures which adorn the reception room of his office.

### **Gordon W. Xander, M. D.**

A member of the medical profession of Inglewood who has achieved a position of importance in a comparatively short time is Dr. Gordon W. Xander, who took up practice in this community soon after his separation from the Service in September, 1946. For about a year, he was with the Ross-Loos Medical Group, but he has practiced independently since May, 1948, and enjoys a splendid reputation as a conscientious and capable medical doctor.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Dr. Xander was born April 20, 1916, son of Rev. E. Clyde and Flossie (Neff) Xander. His father is a minister of the United Lutheran Church and was president of Thiel College of Greenville, Pennsylvania, for eight years.

Dr. Gordon W. Xander attended school in a number of different communities, including Fremont, Nebraska, Greenville, Pennsylvania, and Springfield, Ohio, graduating from high school in the latter city. He subsequently spent two years at Wittenberg College, also in Springfield, Ohio, and then transferred to the University of Colorado, where he received the degree of A.B. in 1939. His professional course was taken at the Medical School of Western Reserve University, and completed in 1943. He interned at the Alleghany General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Commissioned Captain in the Medical Corps of the United States Army in 1944, Dr. Xander spent a year in the European theater as a Battalion Aide Surgeon, and about a year and a half in hospitals in the United States. After his separation from the Service he spent several months as a Resident in Medicine at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.

He is a member of the American, California, and Los Angeles County Medical Associations and serves on the staff of the Centinela Hospital.

The doctor's church is Holy Trinity Lutheran.



GORDON W. XANDER, M. D.



## **Mary K. Donley**

The owner and operator of the oldest transfer and storage business in Inglewood, and one of the oldest businesses of any kind in the city, is Mrs. Mary K. Donley, of the Inglewood Transfer and Storage Company. Established in 1912 by her and her first husband under the name Lewis Transfer and Storage Company, the business has been in continuous operation for the past thirty-seven years, and Mrs. Donley has been actively connected with it during this entire period, and she is believed to be the second oldest business person in the city, in length of activity.

Now located at 231 South La Brea, the Inglewood Transfer and Storage Company provides local and long-distance moving service and maintains the only modern, fireproof warehouse in the Inglewood district, and a two-story additional structure has been recently completed at the above location.

Mrs. Donley was born in Buena Vista, Colorado, and is a daughter of the late James H. and Margaret D. Johnston. Her father was a merchant and served as County Clerk and Recorder in Colorado for a number of years. Mrs. Donley received her schooling in her native town, and as a young lady was a telephone operator at Cripple Creek, where she was married in 1906 to Henry B. Lewis. In 1937, she married John C. Donley, who is associated with her in the management of her business. She has a daughter, Alpha Margaret, the wife of William A. Wilson, who served in the United States Army for three years during the recent war, and is now with the Inglewood Transfer and Storage Co. They have a daughter, Mary Margaret.

Mrs. Donley has long been active in civic affairs of Inglewood. She is a member of the Women's Club and is a former vice-president and former corresponding secretary of the Opti-Mrs., of which organization she is now on the board. She has been an active member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce for many years. In many other ways she has been generous with her time and means in furthering community development and progress, and the considerable sum of money recently expended by her on the remodeling of her building and the erection of the fireproof warehouse indicates her confidence in the future of Inglewood.

## **R. C. Ireland, D. O.**

The oldest osteopathic physician and surgeon in length of practice in Inglewood is Dr. R. C. Ireland, who has long occupied a foremost position in his profession and is well-known in civic and social circles of this city.

Dr. Ireland was born at Denver, Colorado, the son of Frederick W. and Anna M. Ireland. He received his elementary education in Denver, and also

attended high school there, but completed his high school work at San Diego, California, after which he was employed by the Benson Lumber Company in that city and still later by the Southern Title and Trust Company there.

Dr. Ireland's professional training was taken at the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons in Los Angeles, from which institution he graduated in the summer of 1921, and soon thereafter commenced practice in this city.

Affiliations of Dr. Ireland include the American and California Osteopathic Associations and the county branch of the latter. His college fraternity is Phi Sigma Gamma, and he is affiliated with the Inglewood Elks Lodge. His service club is the Rotary, of which he is a past director, and his church is the First Methodist, of which he has served as chairman of the Finance Committee for a number of years. The doctor's hobby is photography, both movie and still.

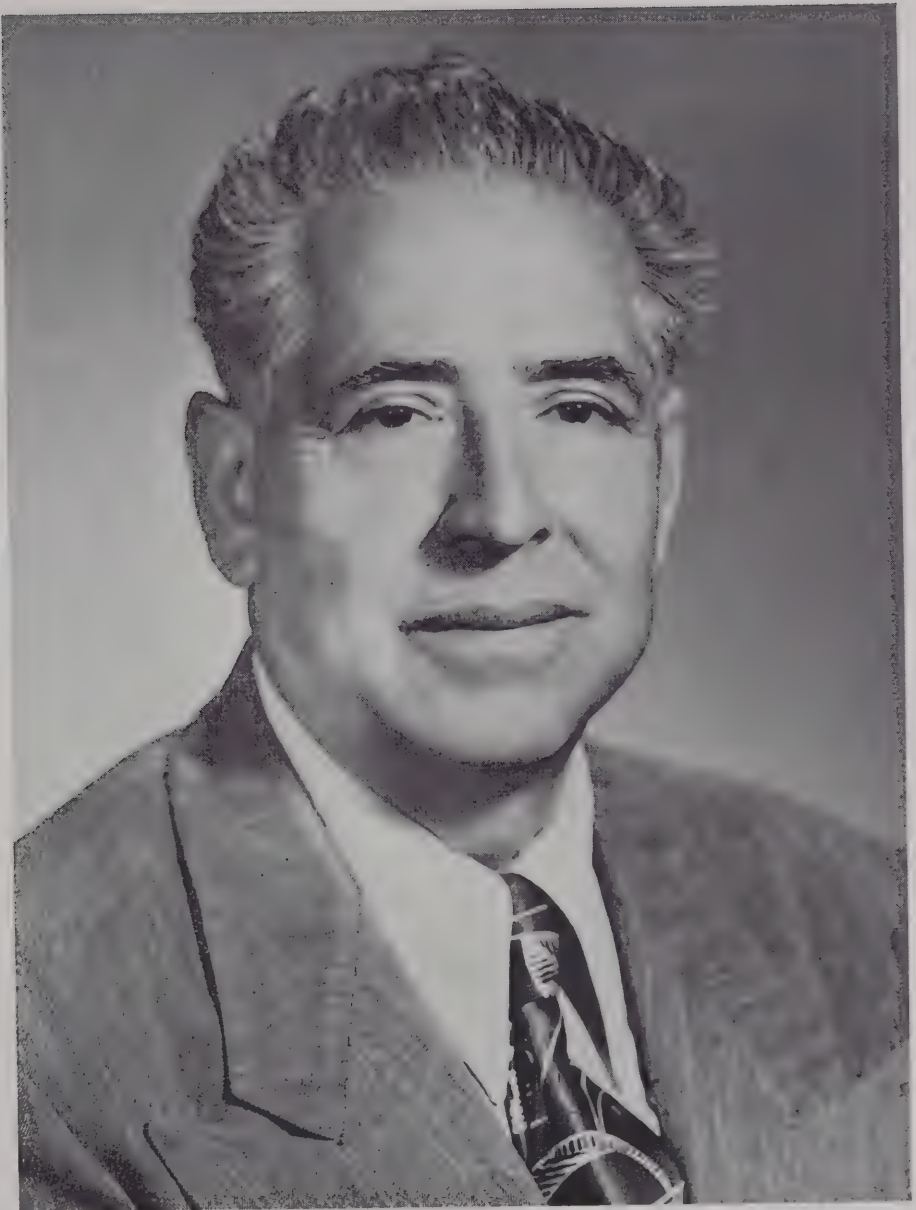
During World War I, Dr. Ireland served for two years in the Medical Corps, which interrupted his osteopathic course of study. However, he gained much valuable experience during this time in several hospitals under many of the leading physicians in the army at the time.

For about fifteen years Dr. Ireland has maintained a beautiful summer home on the shores of Lake Arrowhead, where he spends as much time as his practice will permit.

## **Henry Troya**

A most interesting story is shown in the life of Henry Troya, prominent jeweler of Inglewood. Born in Octavalo, Ecuador, on August 4, 1898, he was educated in a Catholic Seminary of Quito and as a youth expected to follow the ministry. However, he had become interested in the jewelry trade by working for his brother-in-law in his jewelry store in Quito during his vacations, and at the early age of eighteen he left home and went to Chile and worked in jewelry stores in that country. From there, he returned north to Panama and saved enough money there in the course of a year to come to the United States. Arriving in New York, he worked in a jewelry factory in that city for about a year, and then in 1918 he came to California and was with the Southwest Gem Company in Los Angeles for several months. He ultimately went to Kansas City, Missouri, and was with the manufacturing jewelry firm of Cady and Olmstead in that city. While in this connection, he had the unique experience of taking part in the manufacture of the "Pershing Sword," the hilt of which he personally made. The manufacture of this piece made of gold set with diamonds was made possible through the collection of \$10,000 in voluntary subscriptions, and it was ultimately presented to the General.

From Kansas City, Mr. Troya returned to New York and there had additional experience in various schools of the jewelry trade, and he became



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widely known as an expert in this line. After visiting various other cities in this country while he continued to be associated with the jewelry trade, he finally returned to California and joined the Northrop Aircraft Company, continuing there from 1929 until 1931, and he was one of the first to work on metal planes. In 1931, he commenced buying and selling gold and finally went to Mexico, where he purchased a gold and silver mine. It was in 1934 that Mr. Troya returned to California and again joined the Northrop Aircraft Company. In 1938, he established his own business in Inglewood, known then and since as the Aircraft Jewelry Shop. This business has been successful from the beginning. It was originally located at 308 East Nutwood Street, and later moved to the present location at 322 South Market Street. In additions to carrying a unique stock of jewelry, a specialty is made of repairing, engraving, and of manufacturing fraternity emblems and other particular needs of customers. It is interesting to note that Mr. Troya has invented several items, which includes an unusual type of nailfile. Associated with Mr. Troya in his store is Mr. Melvin Rose, who has had eighteen years of experience in the jewelry trade.

Mr. Troya is active in numerous organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club, Inglewood Chess Club, Elks and the Inglewood Camera Club. He is a Thirty-second Degree Mason and a Shriner. He has the distinction of being the only Consular officer in Inglewood, being an honorary vice-consul for Ecuador in this city. His wife was the former Miss Leone Hix, who has been a high school teacher in Fort Worth, Texas.

### **Everett B. Hiatt, D. D. S.**

One of Inglewood's most popular and highly skilled dentists is Dr. Everett B. Hiatt, who has practiced continuously in Inglewood since 1941, except for three years of patriotic service in the Dental Corps of the United States Army during 1941-1946.

The doctor is a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, born October 13, 1905, son of Edwin and Ellen (Hogan) Hiatt. The future doctor graduated from high school in Douglas, Arizona, and then for a time was employed by the Phelps-Dodge Copper Company in that city. Deciding to fulfill an ambition to become a dentist, he matriculated in the Academic Department of the University of Southern California, and after a year entered the Dental School of that institution, graduating in 1940. He made such a splendid scholastic record that he was employed as an instructor in the school for a year. He first opened his offices in Los Angeles near the corner of Slauson Avenue and Alviso Street, and from there came to Inglewood.

During the period Dr. Hiatt was in the Service, he was stationed in Salt Lake City, San Diego, and ultimately Birmingham General Hospital in Los Angeles. Originally commissioned a Lieutenant, he was subsequently promoted to Captain and then Major. He belongs to the Southern California Dental Association and, locally, he is affiliated with the Elks Lodge, Inglewood Golf Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

The former Miss Thelma Seeley became the wife of Dr. Hiatt. She was born of American parents in Mexico, her father having been a large cattle man in that country.

### **James E. Hunt, M. D.**

One of Inglewood's very fine and outstanding citizens and a leader in the medical profession of this community was the late Dr. James E. Hunt, who was born in Rising Sun, Indiana, on February 16, 1881, and passed away in Inglewood on June 20, 1948.

Endowed with splendid qualities of leadership, coupled with a comprehensive knowledge of medical science and a magnetic personality which gave him marked influence in the life of the community, Dr. Hunt's name and memory will long be revered in this part of California.

He was a son of Ethan and Sarah J. (Meeker) Hunt. After completing his elementary education in his home town and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he entered the Maryland Medical College in Baltimore, where he was graduated with the degree of M.D. in 1909. For several years he was active in practice in Pennsylvania, living and working nine years in Salladasburg before moving west.

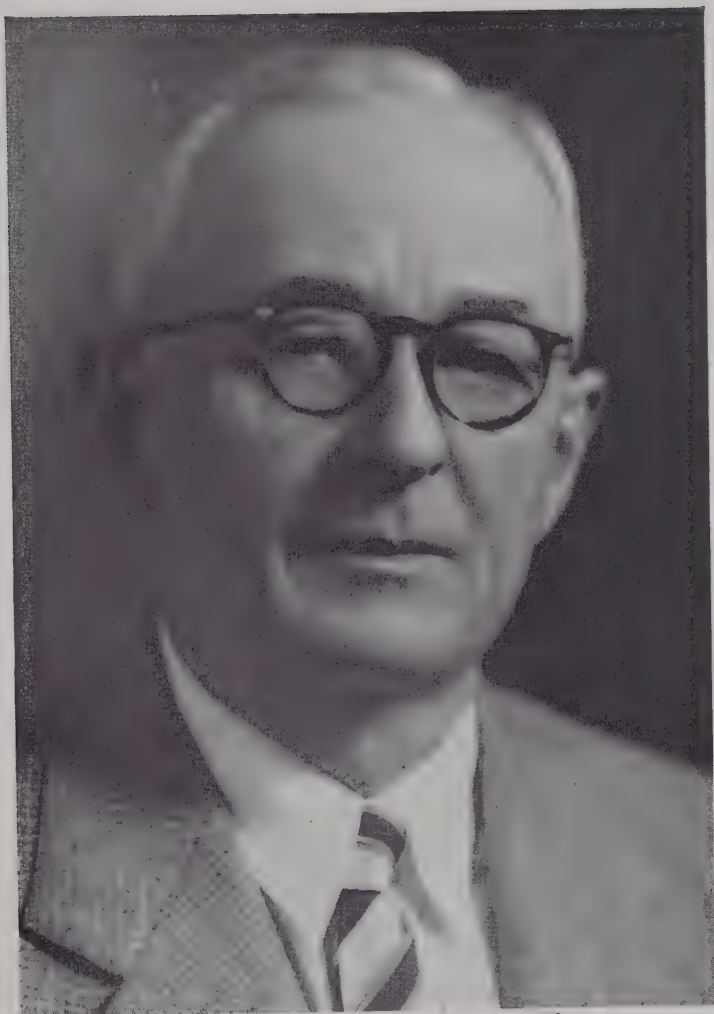
He came to California for his health and first practiced in Chula Vista, but after a few months he returned to Pennsylvania. However, the year 1923 found him back in California, and, settling in Inglewood at that time, he immediately began practice, continuing active until shortly before he passed away. While doing all types of work, he gave special attention to ambulant proctology, and was a member of the National Proctologic Association.

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Dr. Hunt was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and his religious affiliation was with the Angeles Mesa Presbyterian Church.

In 1907 Dr. Hunt married the former Miss Bertha Crane, of Baltimore, Maryland. She survives him with a daughter, Irma, the wife of Dr. Charles W. Willsie, and two grandsons: Douglas and Charles William Willsie, Jr.

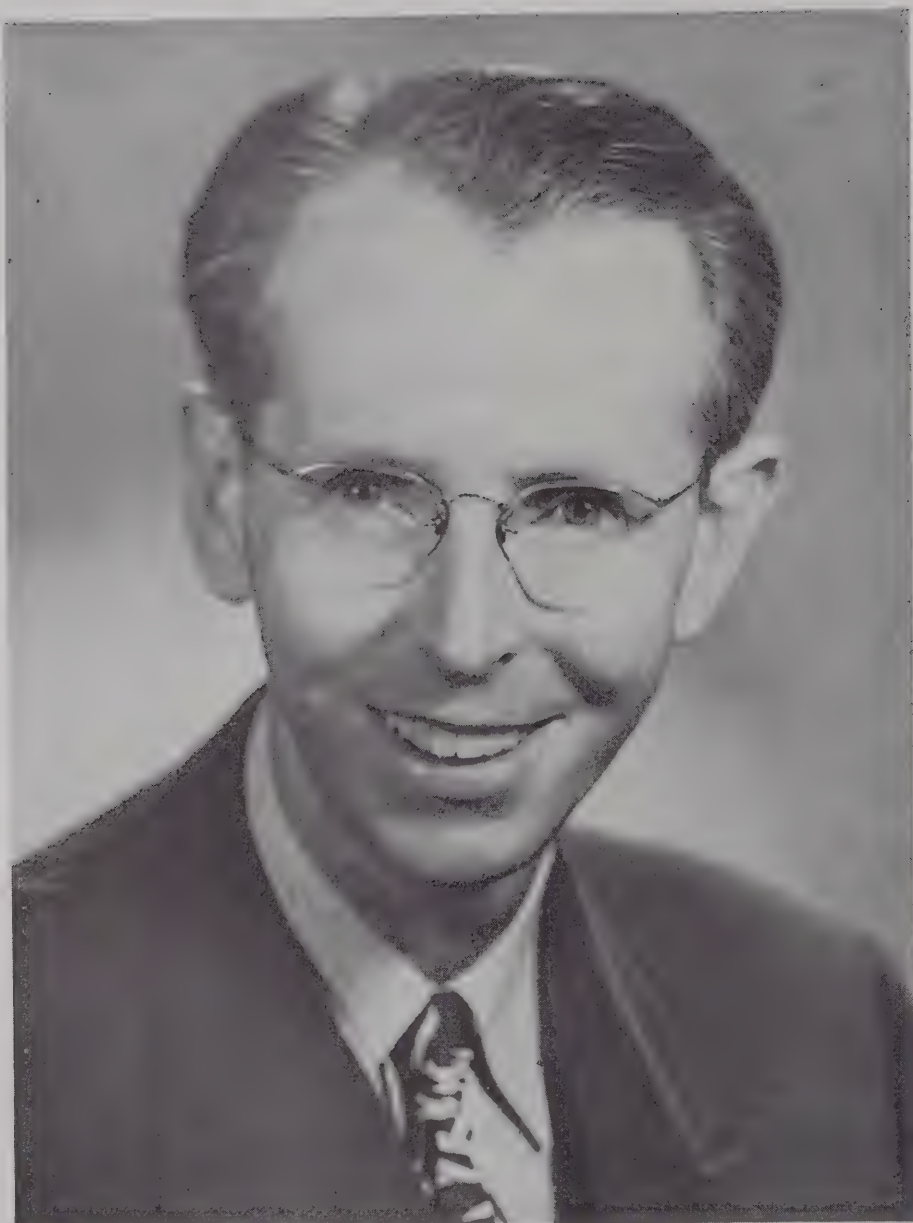
Dr. Hunt was a great humanitarian and treated all types of his patients alike, whether wealthy or poor. He was truly a friend to mankind.



JAMES E. HUNT, M. D.







CHARLES L. BLEK

## **Charles L. Blek**

As senior member of the recently-organized firm of Blek, Wilcox and Donahue, Charles L. Blek heads the largest legal firm in the Centinela Valley, all the members of which are outstanding local lawyers.

Mr. Blek is a native of Brooklyn, New York, born May 14, 1905, son of Louis and Clara (Kerner) Blek. He received his elementary schooling in Brooklyn and is a graduate of Los Angeles Polytechnic High School. He subsequently took night courses at the University of California at Los Angeles and at the University of Southern California, and his professional training was taken at the Law College of Loyola University while holding the position of sales manager of the Vivid Division of the L. C. Smith Typewriter Company in the Southern California area.

His first employment with a law firm was with Attorney Roy R. Colby, in Los Angeles, with whom he subsequently became a partner under the firm name of Colby and Blek. While still engaged in practice in Los Angeles, Mr. Blek began a five-year period of teaching law at Inglewood Evening High School. In 1938, he opened his offices in Inglewood, and continued practicing under his own name until the recent organization of his new firm.

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Mr. Blek has been active in a number of important organizations in line with his profession, and also in civic affairs. He is a former president of the Inglewood Township Bar Association, and a former trustee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. He is a former chairman of the Inglewood Recreation Commission, and later became chairman of the combined Park and Recreation Commission. In 1942 he was elected a member of the Board of Education of the Inglewood City School District, and in 1945 and 1948 was re-elected. He has been president of this important body since 1947.

Mr. Blek was formerly very active in the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce, in which he has held offices. Fraternally, he is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple and the Inglewood Shrine Club. He is also affiliated with the Inglewood Elks Lodge, and is an active member of the Inglewood Rotary Club.

The former Miss Dorothy Andrecht became the wife of Mr. Blek on February 11, 1933. They have three children: Elizabeth, George, and Charles, Jr.

## **George Fred Smyth**

The only patent attorney practicing in the entire Centinela Valley is George Fred Smyth, who has resided in Inglewood since 1944 and opened his

offices here in 1948, having had a wide and valuable experience as a patent attorney.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Smyth was born October 26, 1910, son of Allan and Emma (Williams) Smyth. His late father at the time of his retirement was production manager of a mid-west steel company. His mother is still living and makes her home in Inglewood.

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Mr. Smyth received his elementary and high school education in Oakwood, Ohio. He decided early in life to become a patent attorney, and before undertaking his law education, which he completed at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., in 1935, he studied at the University of Dayton, receiving from that institution in 1932 a degree of B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. After receiving his LL.B. degree from Georgetown University he became associated with the law firm of Bacon & Thomas in Washington, D. C. In 1937 he severed his connections with that firm and moved to Connecticut to become a member of the firm of Johnson, Kline and Smyth, one of the outstanding patent law firms in New England. He was in charge of this firm's New Haven office for several years. At the commencement of the Second World War, Mr. Smyth was retained as Patent Counsel by Bausch and Lomb Optical Company, the country's leading optical firm, to aid that company in its war accelerated research and development program.

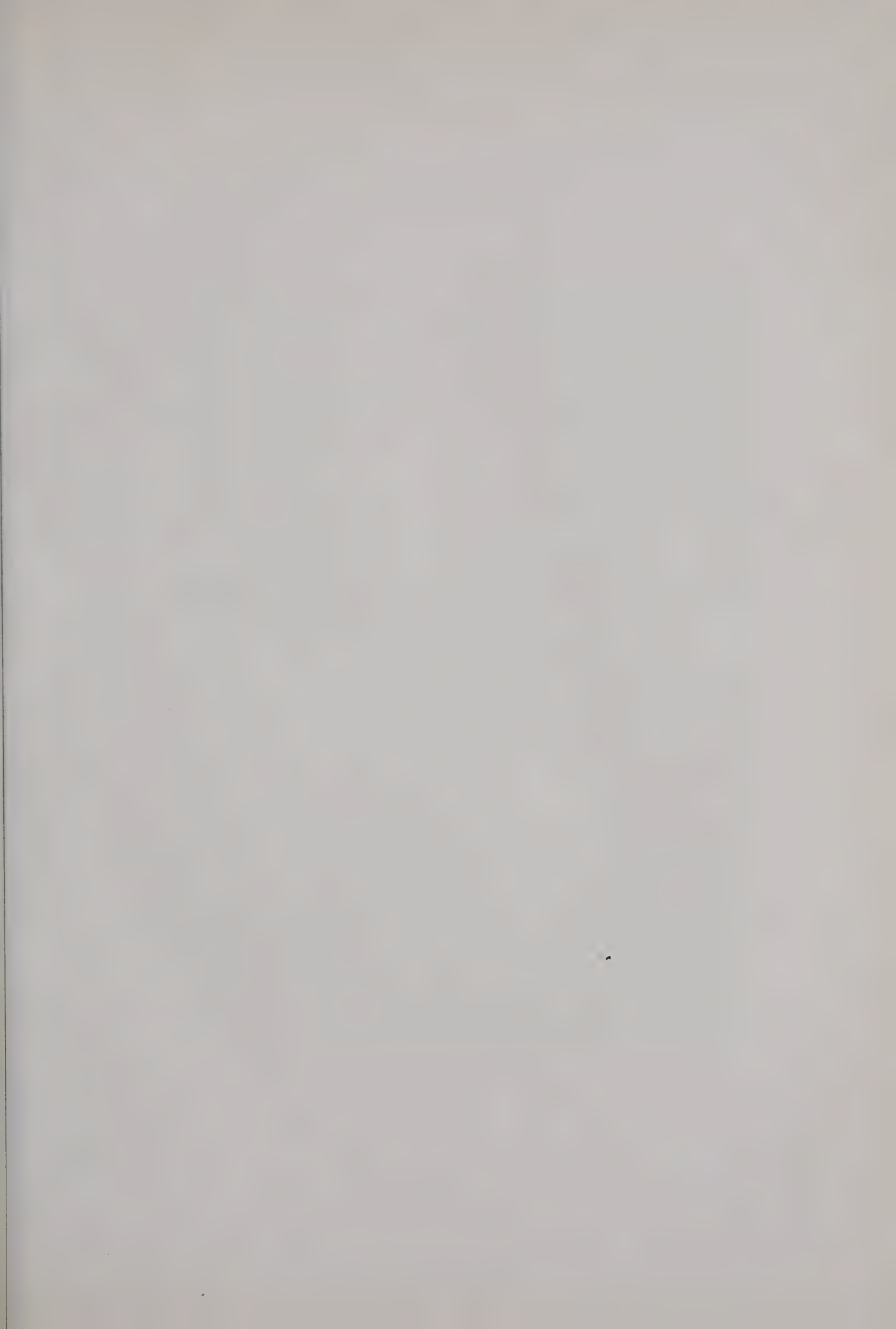
Mr. Smyth long desired to make his residence in Southern California and in 1944 joined the legal division of the Douglas Aircraft Company in Santa Monica. He remained in that connection for the following four years and then in September, 1948, opened his office for private patent practice in Inglewood. He is still retained by the Douglas Aircraft Company as patent advisor and counsel.

With the exception of the two years immediately following his graduation from law school, Mr. Smyth's practice has been limited to one before the United States and Canadian Patent Offices and such government administrative agencies as the Federal Trade Commission, Interstate Commerce Commission, and Federal Communications Commission. Mr. Smyth is a member of the bars of the District of Columbia and Connecticut, and has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and the United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals.

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Mr. Smyth is a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club of Inglewood, and the Los Angeles Patent Law Association.

He married Miss Jane Wolfe, of Dayton, Ohio, and they have two children, Marjorie and Susan.





CECIL E. COE

## Cecil E. Coe

A man who occupies a very prominent position in Inglewood as a Public Accountant is Cecil E. Coe, who has had a wide background of experience in his chosen profession and maintains an organization with a personnel of seven. His headquarters are in this city, but he has clients in many different parts of Los Angeles County.

Mr. Coe was born in Hatley, Wisconsin, on October 28, 1907, son of Michael F. and Maebelle (Buckman) Coe. His father, who is deceased, was formerly a lumberman.

Mr. Coe spent the first four grades of school in his home town, and next went to school in New London, Wisconsin, and graduated from high school in Oshkosh. He then spent two years at the University of Wisconsin, and subsequently took advanced accounting courses at the School of Business Administration of Northwestern University, at Chicago, while employed by the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company in that city. In 1934, Mr. Coe was transferred to New York by this company and while in that city he took additional courses in his specialty during his spare time at Columbia University and at New York University.

Coming to California in 1938, Mr. Coe first located in Hollywood, where he spent three years. He subsequently established his residence in Westchester, and in 1943 opened offices in Inglewood, first at 158 North Markt Street, and since December, 1948, he has been located in his pretentious new suite in the new building at 103 South Locust. His firm represents numerous large corporations and many well-to-do individuals. During the peak of activity during the recent war, he had as many as twenty-five people on his staff. Mr. Coe is a regular contributor to the Federal Tax Course, a standard work on accountancy, revised annually by George T. Altman.

He is a member of the Society of American Accountants, and currently is president of the Los Angeles Chapter. He is a past president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Association of Tax Accountants, as well as being a member of the National Society of Public Accountants. For the past two years, he has been chairman of the Los Angeles County Apprenticeship Training Program of the county organization of his profession.

Mr. Coe is active in local affairs, being a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. Fraternally, he is a Mason.

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The former Miss Emily Moeller became the wife of Mr. Coe. She is the daughter of Ernest E. Moeller, former Comptroller of the State of Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Coe have two children: Dennis and William D.

Mr. Coe's hobby is color photography.

## **E. S. Dixon**

E. S. Dixon, Mayor of Inglewood, was born at Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 28, 1895, son of Ansel and Sophia (Seymour) Dixon. He attended school in his native town and also in South Bend, Indiana, and in Racine, Wisconsin. As a youth he was associated with his father in the woolen mill business for several years in Oregon City, Oregon. Ultimately, he went into the hotel business and was a clerk in various hotels up and down the Pacific Coast, finally reaching Los Angeles in 1914. The following year he entered the cleaning and dyeing business in Los Angeles and in 1918 joined the Standard Oil Company, in which connection he remained until 1924. He then came to Inglewood and was manager of the Automobile Club of Southern California here for two years. In 1926 he established the Centinela Insurance Agency.

In 1944, Mr. Dixon was appointed Mayor of Inglewood to succeed Raymond V. Darby, who had been elected County Supervisor. Previously, he had served on the elementary school board.

Mr. Dixon is a member and past president of the Inglewood Lions Club, a Mason, and affiliated with various other organizations.

He married Mrs. Mildred Ellen Turner and has one daughter, Lucile, by a prior marriage and three stepchildren: William, John F., and Wilbur W. Turner.

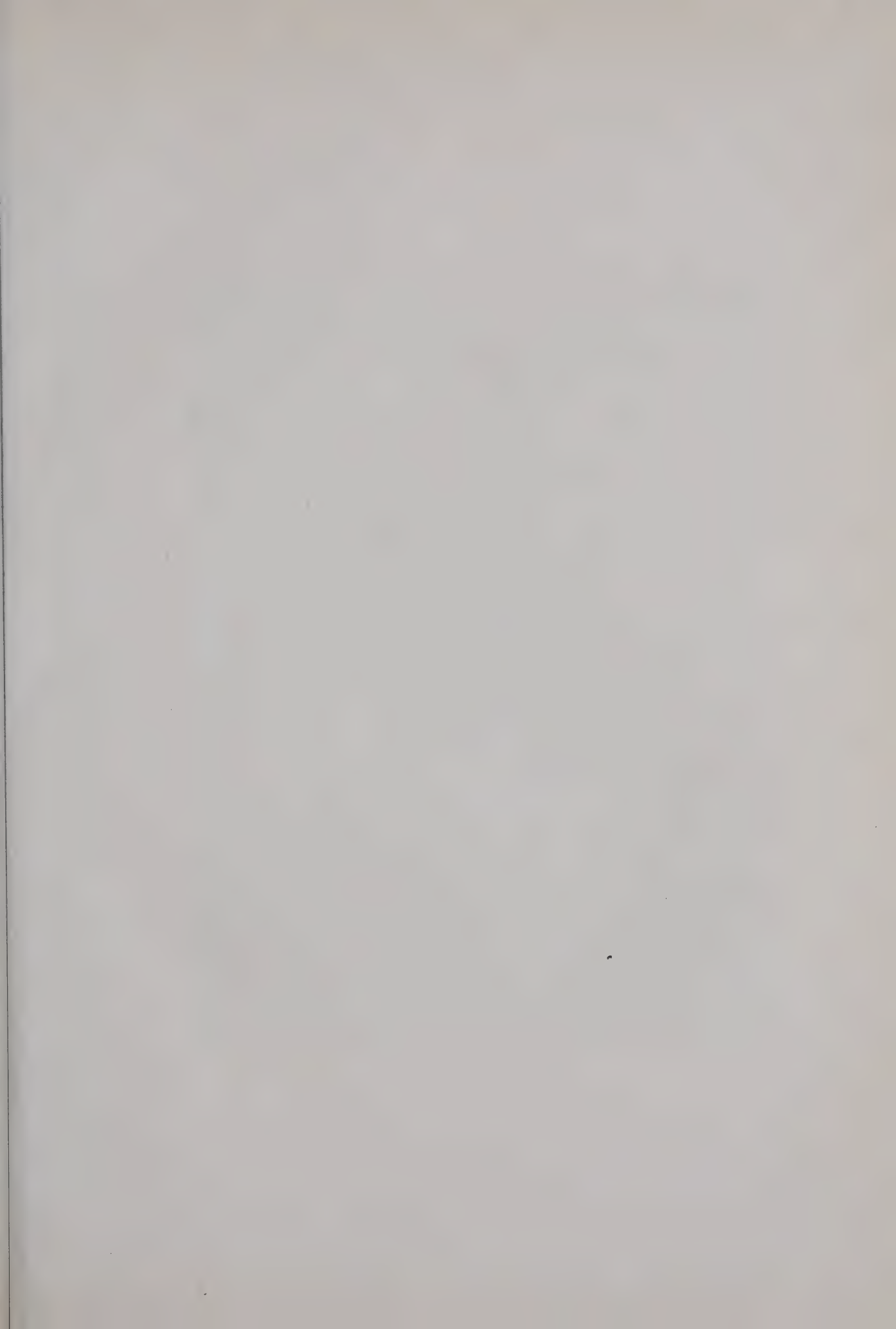
One of Mr. Dixon's most important activities has been his connection with the California League of Cities, of which he is president of the Los Angeles County Division. He is a member of Governor Warren's Rental Advisory Committee.

## **John A. Simpson**

One of the outstanding examples of business success in Inglewood in recent years is shown in the career of John A. Simpson, whose principal activities have been centered in the Morningside Park section of Inglewood.

A resident of Inglewood since 1930, he has maintained his offices, located at 2300 West Manchester, since 1940. While formerly active in the real estate business, he now restricts his activities exclusively to the insurance field, and is generally regarded as the leading and largest insurance broker in Morningside Park.

In addition to building up a large insurance business, Mr. Simpson has been one of the most prominent civic leaders of Morningside Park, and is one of those largely responsible for the phenomenal growth which this section has enjoyed in recent years. He was one of the organizers of both the Morningside Park Lions Club and the Morningside Park American Legion Post, and has





JOHN A. SIMPSON



CLARA D. SIMPSON



been continuously active in both of these organizations. During the recent war he was appointed by Governor Warren to Selective Service Board #259 and was its chairman for six full years, and he was recently reappointed to the current Selective Service Board #116, of which he is also chairman. For four years he has been a director of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and was the first President of the Morningside Park Section. His church is St. Eugene's Catholic and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus in Inglewood.

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Simpson was born October 6, 1888, son of Miles and Catherine (Murphy) Simpson. He attended the venerable Boston Latin School, which is a year older than Harvard University, and is a graduate of Harvard College, A.B., 1912. As a young man he was with the William Filine's Sons Department Store in Boston, where he remained for about two and a half years. Following other merchandising, sales and banking experience, he volunteered for service during World War I and was in the American Air Service, having been commissioned a Second Lieutenant. After the war he organized the Aero Corporation of Massachusetts. In 1923, he went to Florida, where he was active in the investment and real estate business. From 1923 until 1926, he handled the upstate sales for the Shoreland Company and the Miami Shores Company of Miami, and during this period sold a tremendous amount of real estate. It was in 1926 that Mr. Simpson paid his first visit to California. After four years in the investment and security business in Boston, he returned to this state and took up his residence in Inglewood. He soon joined the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and for a time he was assistant manager of the company's office in Pomona. After a period of inactivity on account of ill health, he entered the general insurance business in Los Angeles and nine years ago opened his offices in this city.

Mrs. John A. Simpson, the well-known real estate broker, reference to whom will be found elsewhere in this work, was formerly Miss Clara D. Dannies. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are: John D. and William D., twins, Thomas A. and Suzanna.

### **Clara D. Simpson**

One of the most noteworthy records ever made in the real estate business in Inglewood by anybody is shown in the career of Clara D. Simpson, Morningside Park Realtor, whose sales during the past four years have averaged over \$4,000,000 annually, with a small sales organization. While the sales field of her office comprises a large territory of the Southwest, Mrs. Simpson's sales have been concentrated in the Morningside and Gramercy Park sections and the Century Heights residential development.

A native of Burlington, Iowa, Mrs. Simpson was born January 2, 1900, daughter of William F. and Anna Mathilda Dannies. Her father was formerly an architect and builder.

Mrs. Simpson took her academic course at Parsons College, in Iowa, and holds the degree of A.B. from this institution. She took post-graduate work at Iowa University in mathematics and has also taken post-graduate work in psychology at Simmons College, in Boston, where she met her future husband, John A. Simpson, leading insurance underwriter of Inglewood.

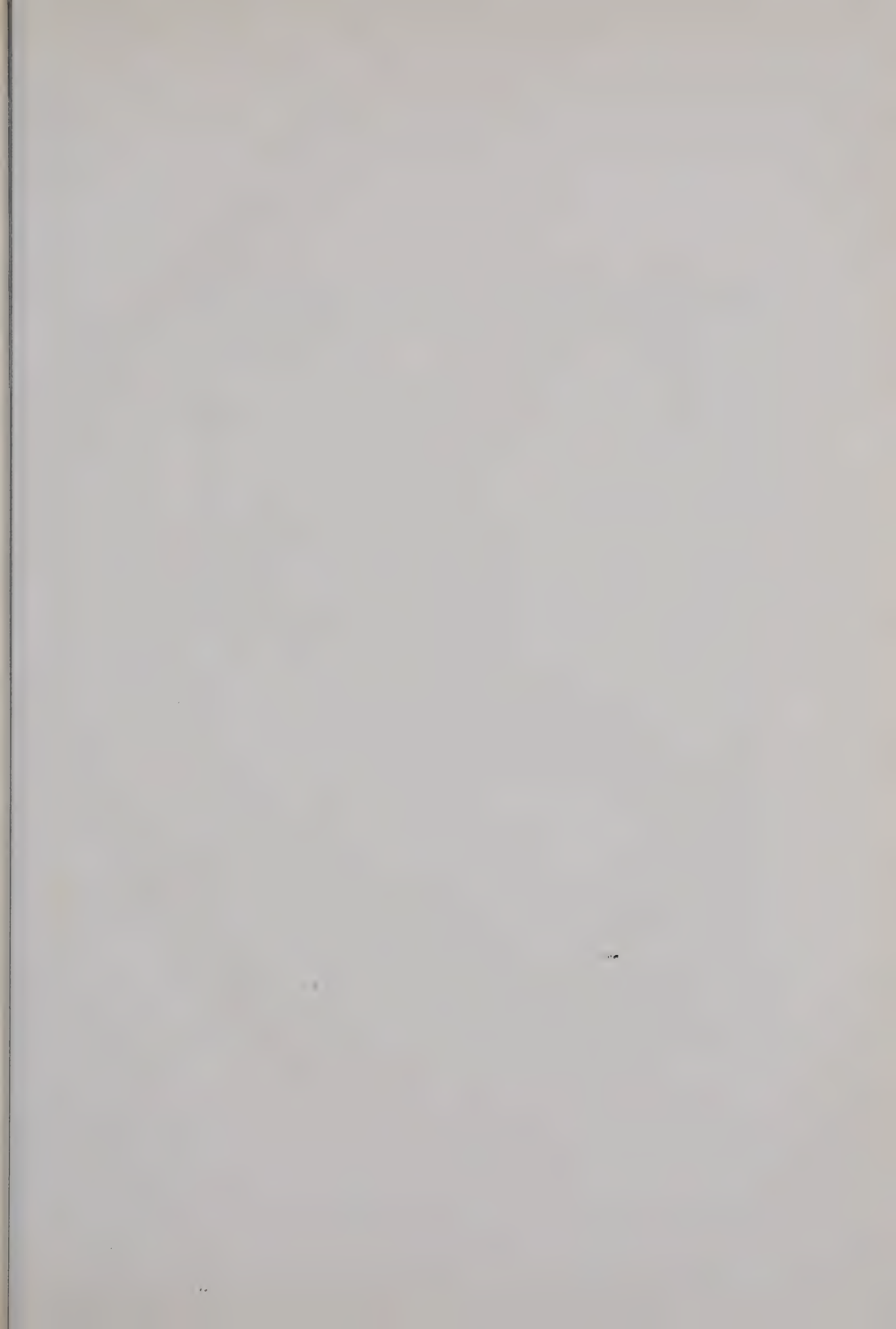
As a young woman, Mrs. Simpson taught school at the Junior High School in Burlington, Iowa, and later taught at Robinson Academy, in Waco, Texas. From there, she went to Key West, Florida, and was an instructor in the high school in that city. After the termination of her employment there, she went to Boston and took her courses at Simmons College. She organized the educational department for Lever Brothers, the large soap manufacturers, and headed this department for two years. She has lectured on the care of clothing in many parts of the United States under the auspices of Lever Brothers.

Mrs. Simpson established her real estate office in Morningside Park at the time her youngest child entered kindergarten. The business is located in her own attractive building on West Manchester Boulevard, and the phenomenal success which her business has enjoyed is due, in her own words, to "hard work, common sense, and the use of psychology."

Very prominent in civic affairs, Mrs. Simpson is a charter member of the Inglewood Soroptimist Club, of which she is now president. She attended the International Convention of the organization, held in England, in 1948. She also belongs to the Inglewood Board of Realtors, Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, Inglewood Women's Club, and Inglewood Business and Professional Women's Club. She is a member and past-president of the Morningside Park Lionels, the women's division of the Lions Club, and a member of Women of Harvard Club of Southern California. Active in the Red Cross and Community Chest for many years, Mrs. Simpson has always shown a willingness to serve the needs of her community in every way possible. She is currently secretary-treasurer of the Morningside Park Improvement Association and is active in Parent-Teacher Association work. Her favorite hobbies are gardening and foreign travel.

### **R. V. Runnells, D. C.**

In length of practice, Dr. R. V. Runnells is one of the oldest chiropractors in Inglewood. Coming here in 1928, he has practiced continuously ever since and is widely known for his professional skill. His offices are located in his own





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professional building at 516 South La Brea, and all the latest and most complete equipment is available for the treatment of his patients.

The doctor is a graduate of the well-known Palmer School of Chiropractic in Des Moines, Iowa, and prior to coming to California he practiced in Greeley and Loveland, Colorado. He is a member of the various organizations of his profession, and he makes a point of keeping abreast of the new developments in Chiropractic practice, having taken a number of post-graduate courses.

Dr. Runnells is a native of Henry, Illinois, and was born on December 30, 1898, the son of David W. and Catharine (Vail) Runnells. When he was a young man, the family moved to Colorado and he received his elementary schooling in that state. He subsequently attended Cornell College in Iowa, where during World War I he served in the Student Army Training Corps. After two years there, he began the study of Chiropractic.

One of the greatest interests in life that Dr. Runnells has maintained for many years is in his church, which is the First Methodist. He formerly taught the adult Sunday School class for about twelve years and currently is chairman of the Official Board of the Church. His service club is the Kiwanis, in which he has 100% attendance record for twenty years and he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

The former Miss Ruth H. Lind became the wife of Dr. Runnells. They have two daughters: Betty Maxine, who graduated from Inglewood High School and spent a year at the University of Southern California and is now the wife of Frederick A. Jordan; and Dorothy Ann, also a graduate of Inglewood High School and also formerly a student at the University of Southern California, who is a talented musician, her instrument being the harp.

## **Raymond L. Graham**

Raymond L. Graham, local manager for the popular J. C. Penney store, has had a career of nearly twenty years in this important retailing organization. Joining the company in February, 1930, at McAllen, Texas, his rise has consisted of gradual promotions until he was assigned to his present post in July, 1947.

A native of Henderson County, Texas, Mr. Graham was born March 17, 1911, son of Thomas L. and Gertrude (Hudson) Graham. His parents live in Tyler, Texas, and his father is a retired rancher. Mr. Graham went to elementary school in several different places and finished high school at Corsicana, Texas. He then took a two-year course at the Junior College in Johnsonville, Texas, and following the completion of his course there he joined the Penney organization. While employed in the store at McAllen, he had the ambition and

energy to accomplish the difficult task of completing a law course by correspondence, and he holds the degree of LL.B. from the LaSalle Extension University.

From McAllen, Mr. Graham was transferred to the Houston store, where he remained for eight years and rose to the position of assistant manager. From there, he went to Corpus Christi, Texas, as manager of the Penney store, and next he was assigned to the district office in St. Louis and made district manager, covering eighteen states in the Middle West. His last post prior to coming to Inglewood was in Seattle, where he was manager of the Penney store for two years.

From one hundred to two hundred employees are on the payroll of the local Penney store and the growth of the business has been so great that plans are now being formulated for greatly increasing the size and facilities of the business.

Mr. Graham is an active member of the Rotary Club, having originally joined the organization in Corpus Christi. His church is the First Baptist.

He married Miss Mildred Dodillet, who is of French extraction. Two sons have been born to this happy union: Raymond L., Jr., and Gordon.

Mr. Graham is a horse lover and the owner of a fine Palomino stallion and three other spirited animals, each member of the family also being a horse-back rider.

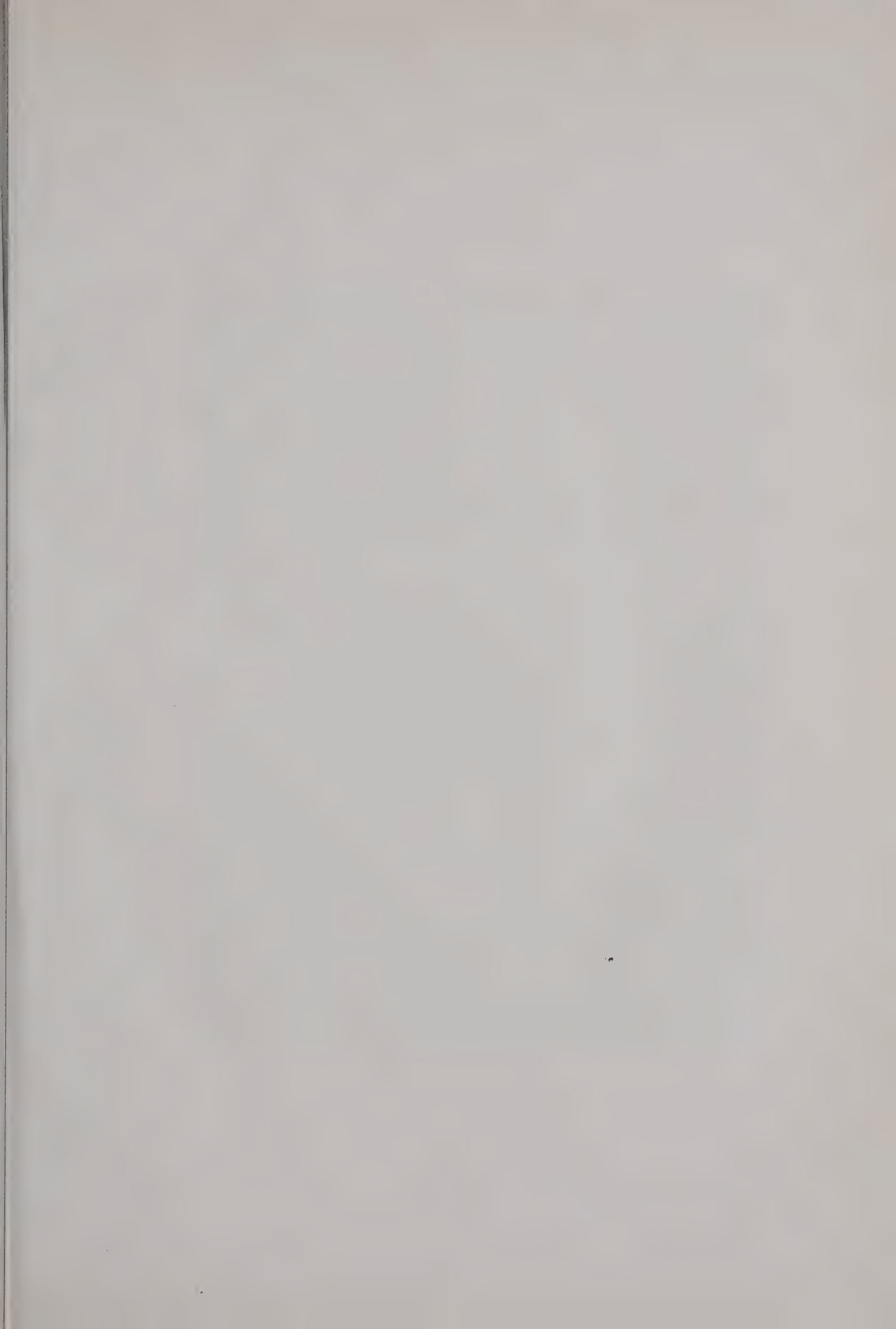
### **James Longworth Potts**

A native son of California, born in San Francisco, James Longworth Potts has, in the comparatively short time of three years in which he has been practicing in Inglewood, proven himself to be one of this city's most capable young attorneys.

Mr. Potts was born on October 1, 1918, son of Albert Walker Potts and Ethel Harwood (Perry) Potts. He received his early education in San Francisco, where he graduated from Lowell High School. His professional training followed at Stanford University, where he was Assistant Librarian of the Law Library and student instructor in legal bibliography during 1943 and 1944.

His first practice was as an associate in the firm of Hill, Morgan and Farrer, with whom he remained from 1944 until 1946, when he established his own offices in Inglewood.

An active member of the Inglewood 20-30 Club, Mr. Potts is president of the local organization, and Laws and Regulations Chairman for the Southern California District of 20-30 International. His interest in civic welfare includes membership in the Salvation Army Advisory Board. He belongs to the Los Angeles Bar Association and served as Treasurer of the Inglewood Bar Asso-





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ciation and in 1946 was on the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Junior Barristers. His college fraternities are Phi Delta Phi (legal) and Sigma Chi (social).

Mr. Potts married the former Miss Donna Neely on June 14, 1943, at the Stanford University Chapel. They have one son, Dennis Walker Potts.

## **Harry Van Beaver**

Harry Van Beaver, formerly co-owner of the Inglewood Furniture Company with Carl Matson, and for many years a partner in the Beaver and Matson Mortuary, has been one of Inglewood's most public spirited citizens. He is always ready to give his time and means for community development, and it is due to a few such citizens as he is that Inglewood has enjoyed such a phenomenal growth in recent years.

Mr. Beaver was born at Scribner, Nebraska, February 2, 1895, the son of James Mercy and Cora (Putnam) Beaver. His father was postmaster at Scribner, Nebraska, for a period of some twenty years.

Harry Van Beaver received part of his early schooling in his home town, and in 1912 he came to California with his grandmother and located in Redlands, where he finished high school. Soon thereafter, he was employed by Pierce Brothers of Los Angeles, the well-known funeral directors. In 1917, he was assigned to Inglewood as manager of their local branch, known as the Inglewood Furniture and Undertaking Company. After a few years in association with a Mr. Clark, Mr. Beaver purchased this business from Pierce Brothers, and changed the name to Beaver and Clark. In 1921, it was incorporated, and the following year Carl Matson purchased Mr. Clark's interest in the business. Some years later the furniture and undertaking branches of the business were separated, and the former department became the Inglewood Furniture Company and the latter the Beaver and Matson Mortuary. Mr. Beaver has now retired from both of these businesses, but he still owns the property where the mortuary is located, the business of which is now operated by the Utter-McKinly Company.

Mr. Beaver was a member and president of the Inglewood Board of Education for three years, and he has also served on the Board of the Inglewood Union High School District. At one period, he was president of both of these bodies. One of the oldest members of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, he is a former president and for many years served as a director. His service club is the Lions and he is also a past-president of this organization. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masons and Elks, and his church is the First Methodist, of which he was Board of Trustees President for ten years.

Mr. Beaver was honored by being given the Civic Award by the American Legion as Inglewood's Outstanding Citizen in 1947. He has also received the Helms Trophy for noteworthy contributions to athletics and civic projects.

During World War II, he was chairman of the Selective Service Board in Inglewood for a period of six and a half years.

Mr. Beaver's favorite sports are bowling and golf, and he has won several cups for his prowess in these sports.

Mrs. Beaver was formerly Miss Barbara M. Forrester, and she was a native of Indiana and married Mr. Beaver in 1923. They have two children, Van and Victoria Beaver.

### **Letha C. Dunn**

One of Inglewood's best-known and most highly regarded women is Mrs. Letha C. Dunn, former owner and active head of the Centinela Hospital, and an ardent civic worker who has always given generously of her time and means for worthwhile community affairs.

Coming to this community in 1926, Mrs. Dunn took over the hospital the following year. At that time there were only beds for twelve patients in the institution and limited facilities. During the course of the years of her management, several additions were made, until at the time she sold out at the end of 1947 there were sixty-two beds, with a fully equipped maternity unit. Under her capable management, the Centinela Hospital became widely known throughout this part of Southern California, and patients have been attracted to the institution from a wide area of Inglewood. The hospital has been accredited by the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons.

Mrs. Dunn was born in Morenci, Michigan, the daughter of Arthur E. and Katherine Elizabeth (Kime) Lester. She received her early schooling in Michigan and Ohio and took her professional training at the Toledo Hospital, following the completion of which she engaged in war service, having volunteered for the nursing department of the United States Navy. She was a member of Unit No. 7, which was the only one organized to go on board Hospital Ships. She was stationed one year at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital, and two months at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago.

Following the termination of her war service, Mrs. Dunn became assistant superintendent of the Women's and Children's Hospital, and next was with the Willys Overland Industrial Hospital in Toledo, continuing for a year there. She then took charge of the Defiance Community Hospital of Defiance, Ohio, and also served a year in this capacity.



LETHA C. DUNN



It was in 1922 that Mrs. Dunn came to California. For two years she was in charge of the Grand View Sanatorium in Los Angeles, and for two years prior to coming to Inglewood she had charge of the Milton Hospital, also in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Dunn is a charter member of the Inglewood Soroptimist Club, a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She is immediate past-president of the Southwest Welfare Health Center, in which organization she has taken a particular interest. In Los Angeles she belongs to the Friday Morning Club, National Federation Business and Professional Woman's Club, and holds a life membership in American Legion Post #459.

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Mrs. Dunn's husband, Ralph C. Dunn, is a native of Toledo, Ohio, where both his father and grandfather were prominent attorneys. The latter, E. T. Dunn, of Finlay, Ohio, was president of the State Bar Association. Mrs. Dunn has a son by a prior marriage, Dr. Orville B. Call, a chiropodist, of Inglewood.

### **Dr. Orville B. Call**

Dr. Orville B. Call, highly rated chiropodist and foot orthopedist who has practiced in Inglewood for a number of years past, is a native of Ohio, born December 28, 1908, son of the late Earl Call and the present Letha C. Dunn. His mother is widely known in Inglewood as the former owner of the Centinela Hospital and is an active participant in community affairs.

Dr. Call received his elementary schooling in Michigan, and graduated from Franklin High School in Los Angeles. He subsequently took a course at Woodbury Business College and then spent a year at Compton Junior College. Next, he entered North Dakota State Agricultural College, where he remained for three years, and later he took a course in diesel engineering and obtained a diesel engineer's license. Not desiring to follow this type of work, he enrolled at the San Francisco College of Chiropody, and completed the three-year course there in 1937, receiving the degree of D.S.C. For five years, he practiced in Liemert Park, and in 1942 established himself in Inglewood. He is a member of the National, California and Southern California Chiropodists Associations, and locally he is affiliated with the Kiwanis Club.

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The former Miss Helen Bollman became the wife of Dr. Call. They have three children: Marleta Ann, Robert Orville and Norman Lester; the two latter are twins.

The doctor finds his chief diversion in gardening, wood working and mechanics.

## **Leo Atimion**

One of Inglewood's most successful businessmen, and a nunusually public-spirited citizen is Leo Atimion, owner of the Modern Plating Company and the Stalder Manufacturing Company.

A native son, born in Fresno, Mr. Atimion's birthdate was April 4, 1904, and his parents John and Esther (Ohanesian) Atimion. His father was a cabinet maker and farmer and came to Fresno in 1898.

Following the completion of his schooling in Fresno, Leo Atimion remained on the family farm for a few years, and finally came to Los Angeles and started in the plating business with his father-in-law, who was the owner of the Standard Plating Company. His father-in-law passing away in 1930, Mr. Atimion continued this business himself for the following four years and then came to Inglewood and established the Modern Plating Company here. This business, which does plating work primarily for the aircraft, automotive, petroleum and household appliance industries, has grown to the point where seventy-five people are employed in the plant and it is, therefore, one of the largest manufacturing businesses with headquarters in Inglewood. It is interesting to note that, according to the Edison Company, the Modern Plating Company is the third largest user of electric power in this area.

The Stalder Manufacturing Company are makers of belt buckles of distinctive and special design which are sold both retail and wholesale throughout the United States, either with the belt attached or separately. Salesmen handle the line of belts and belt buckles all over the United States, and the business is a rapidly growing one. Some three dozen distinctive buckle designs are made, and special designs are made to order.

Mr. Atimion has long been known as one of Inglewood's most civic-minded individuals and has taken an active part in community affairs. He is a member and past-president of the local Lions Club, and has been a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce for many years.

During the recent war the Modern Plating Company did its part in processing and metal finishing for the Armed Forces, specializing in hard chromium plating of hydraulic assemblies for the aircraft industry.

Mr. Atimion has two children: Janet, the wife of Mr. Ernie Hallain, and Georgia Lee Atimion.

## **Louis N. Andersen, M. D.**

Although it is a number of years since he passed away, the memory of the late Dr. Louis N. Andersen, first specialist in Inglewood, is still highly revered by his numerous friends and patients in this community. Coming here in 1919



LOUIS N. ANDERSON, M. D.



to take up practice, he was active until shortly before he died on September 6, 1934.

Dr. Andersen was born in Denmark. He came to America as a young man and received his medical training at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He practiced four years in Fremont, Nebraska, and in 1900 went to Europe and studied at the medical centers for three years. Upon his return to the United States he went to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he practiced general work for five years. After another visit to Europe he stopped in Chicago, taking a post-graduate course in eye, ear, nose and throat work, and then went to Duluth, Minnesota, practicing these specialties there for seven years before coming to California.

Dr. Andersen was a great believer in the future of Inglewood, and soon after coming here he invested wisely in business real estate, which has become quite valuable in recent years.

Dr. Andersen was a man of sterling character and a careful, conscientious practitioner. His friends were legion, and he was one that could always be depended upon to give his time and means for anything beneficial to the community.

He volunteered for service during World War I, as a specialist in the Medical Corps, and was commissioned Captain. He was stationed at Fort Douglas, Utah, and Fort Stevens, later in Oregon. The accompanying photograph of him was taken while he was in the service.

Dr. Andersen is survived by his widow, Mrs. Signe M. Andersen, who has been exceedingly active in community affairs. He is also survived by his daughter, Marijo, the wife of Clement M. Matzen, and they have a son, Bruce Clement Matzen.

Mrs. Andersen has long been interested in Inglewood, and has given most generously of her time and means for many worthwhile causes. As an example of the community's devotion to her, she was awarded the annual Civic Award in 1932 as the city's most valuable citizen, and she was the first woman ever to receive this honor.

Mrs. Andersen was born in Denmark, the daughter of Jorgen Musse and Severine Musse. She came to the United States in 1903 to stay with relatives at Duluth, Minnesota, with the intention of becoming a nurse. However, instead of taking up this profession, she married Dr. Andersen and devoted her time to assisting him in his large medical practice.

Among the numerous organizations with which Mrs. Andersen has been active may be mentioned the following: The Inglewood Women's Club, of which she has been program and welfare chairman; the Parent-Teacher Association, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the American Red Cross, in the activities of which latter she was particularly interested and useful during the recent war period. Mrs. Ander-

sen has never failed to give her generous support to any worthwhile philanthropic organization, and in many ways she has contributed to the welfare of the community. She is now serving on the Board of Family Service in Inglewood and was the first chairman of the Inglewood Council of the Family Service.

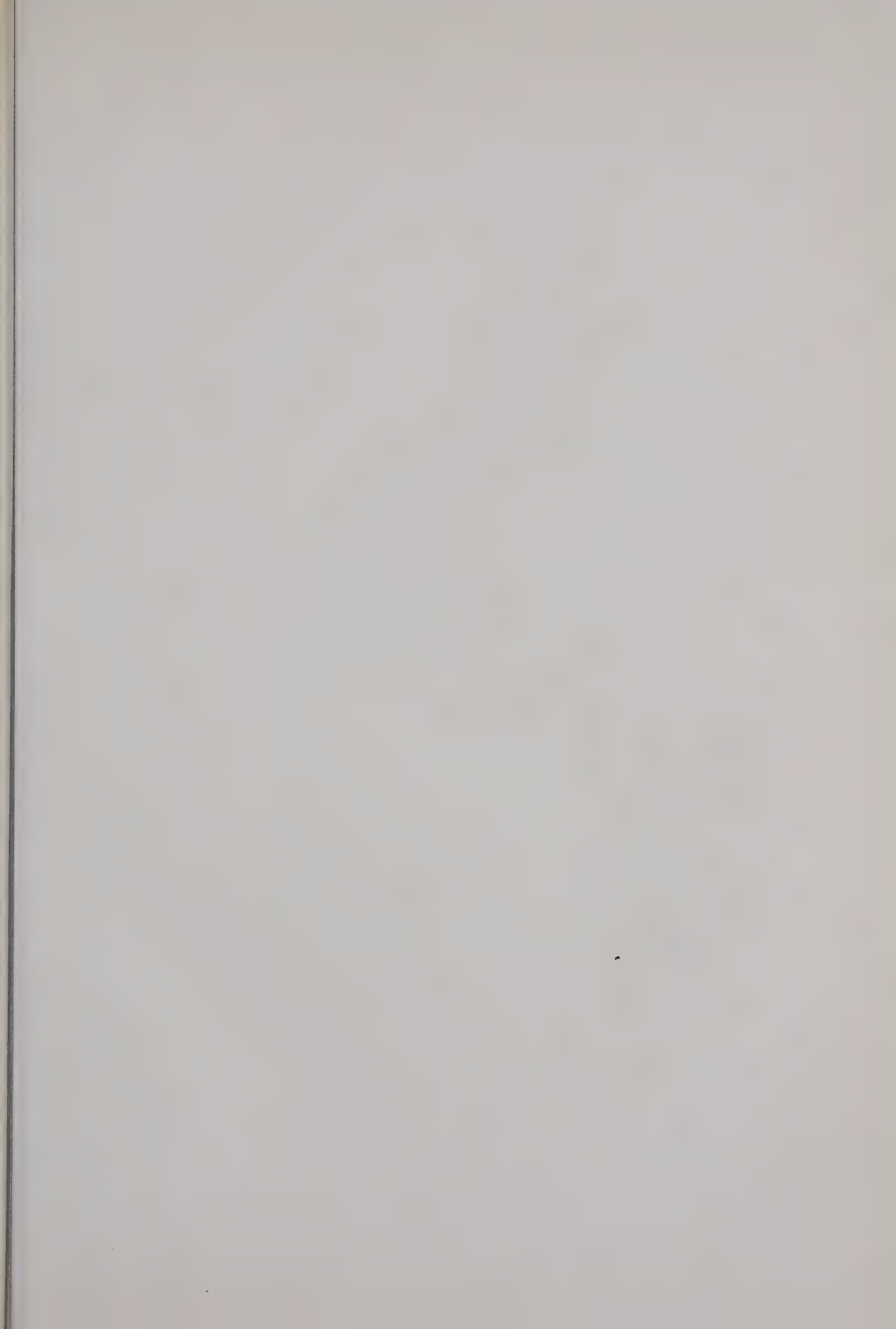
### **Charles Bellante**

A prominent and successful Realtor of Inglewood is Charles Bellante, a native of New York City, born December 3, 1903, son of Sebastian and Carmella Bellante. His late father was formerly in the contracting and building business in New York and Chicago. His mother is still living and continues to make her home with him in Inglewood.

Charles Bellante attended school in New York, Milwaukee, and Chicago, and as a youth worked in a tailoring shop in Milwaukee and later worked in a grocery store in Chicago. When still a young man, he became a helper on a construction crew of the Grand Trunk Railroad in the electrical department, and he continued electrical construction work in Chicago until December, 1924, meanwhile having begun the Real Estate business on a part-time basis in 1923. He ultimately devoted his entire time and attention to the real estate business in Chicago and continued until he had a physical breakdown, which laid him up for nearly seven years.

During the depth of the depression in the thirties, he took a position with the W.P.A. as superintendent of construction of Sanitary District projects in the Chicago area and continued in this kind of work for the Chicago Sanitary District until 1940, and was superintendent on numerous large and important jobs. In 1940 he joined the nationally-known construction firm of Stone and Webster Engineering Corp., and served as supervisor for them on a number of large jobs, including a T.N.T. plant at Joliet, Illinois, and also on a similar job at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He also was supervisor of a large munition dump job at Mobile, Alabama, and after completion returned to Chicago for a much needed rest, and while there he became assistant superintendent for the firm of George A. Fuller Co. in building a large Dodge motor car plant at Chicago. In December of the same year he was called back as supervisor for Stone and Webster Engineering Corp. on the atomic bomb plant at Oakridge, Tennessee, on which he stayed until all major construction work was completed.

It was in 1944 that Mr. Bellante came to Inglewood and entered the real estate business. In addition to building up a successful real estate firm, he has done some building in this area. He is an active member of the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles Realty Board, and the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, being chairman of the Civic Center Committee of the Civic Center Division of the latter.





MILTON M. GARDNER

The former Miss Hazel Grossman became the wife of Mr. Bellante twenty-five years ago. They have two sons, Edwin Charles and William A., both of whom are active in their father's real estate business.

## **Milton M. Gardner**

One of Inglewood's most successful and popular businessmen is Milton M. Gardner, General Insurance Agent. Formerly assistant manager of the Inglewood branch of the Automobile Club of Southern California, Mr. Gardner went into the insurance business for himself in 1946 in this city, and during the course of a comparatively short time he has become recognized as one of the leading underwriters of the community. As an indication of the growth of his business, it is significant that he has recently moved to very considerably enlarged office space at 110 East Queen Street.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Mr. Gardner was born September 6, 1901, son of Thomas T. and Rose N. Gardner. His father, with whom he was associated in business for some time, was formerly well known in the Centinela Valley, both in the automobile business and in the music business.

Milton M. Gardner graduated from Gardena Agricultural High School, and then for two years was with the Maxwell and Studebaker Agency in Gardena. He then joined his father under the firm name of Gardner & Son, distributors of the Nash line in this area, with headquarters at Gardena. This business lasted for about five years, and then he and his father established music stores, one in Gardena and the other in Torrance. Continuing in the music business for about five years with his father, Milton Gardner next joined the sales department of the Automobile Club of Southern California and worked out of the Los Angeles headquarters for several years. He subsequently was assigned to the Claims Department and became supervisor of claims in the Harbor Area, and then ultimately transferred to the Inglewood office of the Club.

Very prominent in the official organizations of his business, Mr. Gardner served from September, 1948, until September, 1949, as president of the Inglewood Insurance Agents Association, and he is now president of the Insurance Agents Association, which covers a considerable portion of the Southern California area.

Mr. Gardner's service club is the Rotary. His avocation is music, the interest in which he has kept up for many years. He formerly had the station orchestra at the old KMIC radio station in Inglewood.

The former Miss Muriel Smith, a native of La Jolla, California, became the wife of Mr. Gardner. She is active with him in the insurance business.

### **Sam S. Mathews, M. D.**

Dr. Sam S. Mathews occupies a place of unusual importance among members of the medical profession by reason of his exceptional training and experience, and he is widely recognized as a highly skilled practitioner who gives special attention to orthopedic and traumatic surgery.

The doctor was born in Hubbard, Ohio, on November 21, 1907, son of Thomas R. and Frances E. (Sears) Mathews. His father and grandfather were in partnership in a general store for a number of years, and his grandfather also had mining interests. His maternal grandfather was a sea captain.

Following the completion of his high school course in his native town, Dr. Mathews entered Denison University, in Ohio, from which institution he holds the degree of B.S. His professional course followed at the Northwestern Medical School, in Chicago, from which he holds the degrees of M.B. and M.D. He interned at the Illinois Central Hospital, and subsequently was a resident in medicine at the Henrotin Hospital in Chicago. He early became an associate in practice with the noted Dr. C. C. Maher, head of the Cardiology Department of Northwestern University, and he taught in an associate capacity in the Northwestern University Hospital and associated institutions while carrying on his practice in Chicago.

Dr. Mathews came to California on account of the health of his daughter, and was associated in Los Angeles with Dr. Clyde Early. While in this connection, he did work under Dr. Walter H. Ehalt, famous surgeon of Vienna.

Dr. Mathews is consultant to North American Aviation, Inc., and is a member of the American Medical Association and affiliated bodies as well as the American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons and the Western Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons. He is a member of the staffs of the Centinela and Hawthorne Hospitals.

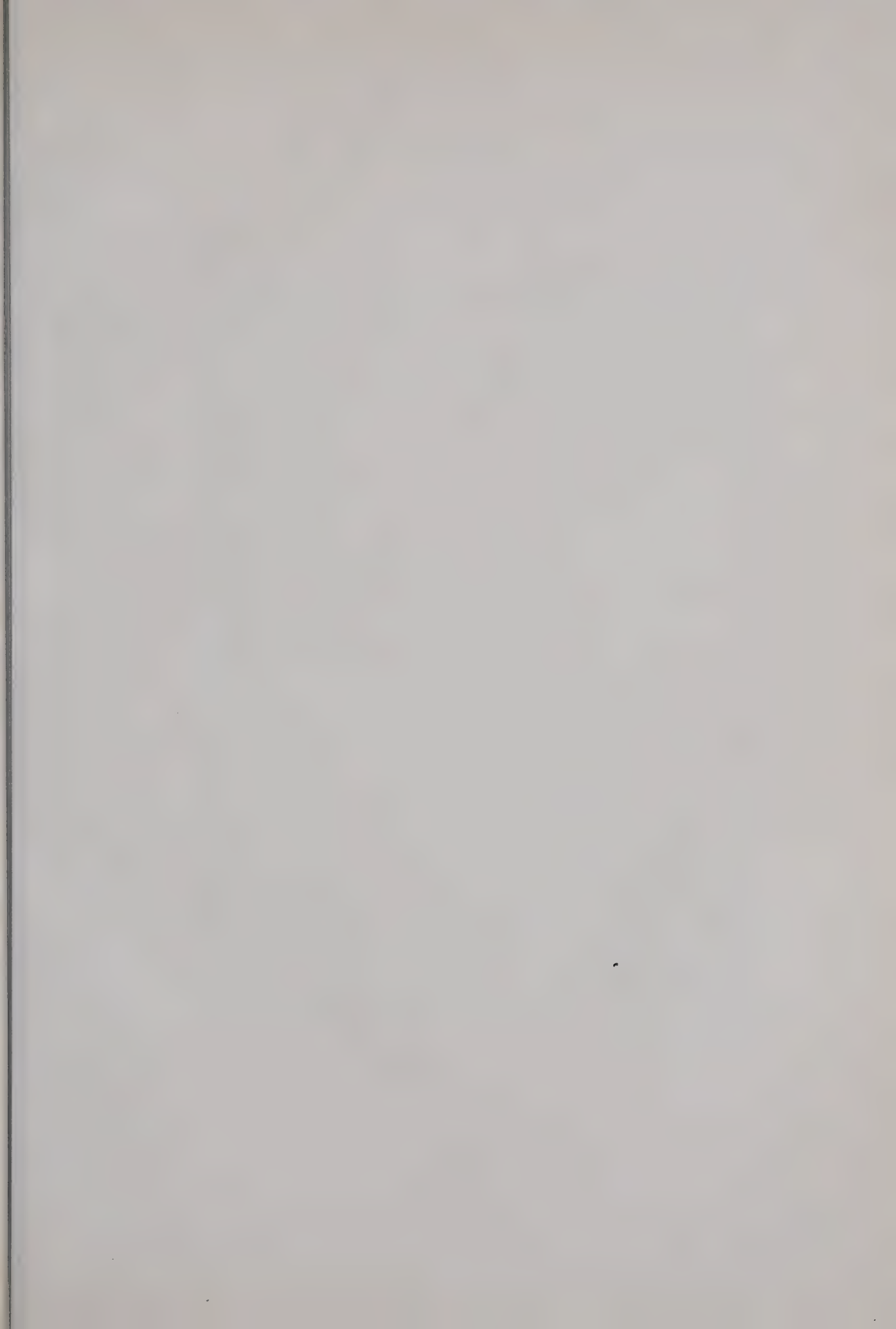
The doctor's service club is Kiwanis International. His favorite sport is golf.

His wife's name is Mary. He has two daughters, Nancy and Dianne. His church affiliation is Baptist.

He served in World War II as Senior Medical Officer of the U.S.S. Admiral Rodman.

### **P. C. Lawyer, M. D.**

An eminent and highly regarded member of the medical profession of Inglewood is Dr. P. C. Lawyer, who has practiced in this community for almost a quarter of a century. Coming here in 1925, he has been continuously active





JUDGE LESTER O. LUCE

ever since and during this period of time he has acquired an enviable reputation among his patients and professional colleagues alike.

A native of Battle Creek, Michigan, Dr. Lawyer was born in 1897, son of Franklin Pierce and Charlotte (Chapin) Lawyer. The father was a missionary in Mexico for over a quarter of a century, and Dr. Lawyer spent the first fourteen years of his life in that country. He was given his early education by his parents, and was taught by such teachers as were available in the different parts of Mexico in which his father was stationed. He finally returned to this country and attended an academy in Indiana for three years, and then went to McKendree College in Illinois, where he graduated.

Coming to California, Dr. Lawyer spent two years taking pre-medical work at the University of Southern California and then transferred to the University of Nebraska, where he completed his medical course in 1923. Soon thereafter he returned to California and interned at the Methodist Hospital in Los Angeles, and following the completion of his internship he took up practice in Inglewood.

Dr. Lawyer is a member of the American, California, and Los Angeles County Medical Associations, Phi Chi medical fraternity, the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, and the Kiwanis Club. He married (first) Miss Nina Bell, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is now deceased. His present wife was Mrs. Allene Reed. He has two children by adoption: Richard Earl and Caroline, and two step-children: Jack Nevin and Richard Findley.

### **Judge Lester O. Luce**

Formerly Police Court Judge in Inglewood for six years, on June 1, 1949, Judge Lester O. Luce became one of the two newly-appointed Municipal Court Judges in this city, and by background and experience in jurisprudence he is exceptionally fitted for his new and more important office.

The Judge was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, September 22, 1900, son of Reverend Silas T. and Mary A. (Terry) Luce. His father (now deceased) was a Congregational minister in Wisconsin.

After completing grammar and high school work, Judge Luce entered the University of Wisconsin, where he spent four years. He then transferred to the University of Southern California, from which institution he holds the degrees of A.B. and L.L.B., his law course having been completed in 1927. He began practice in Los Angeles in that year with the firm of Sherman and Sherman. After about a year in this connection, he came to Inglewood and took up private practice here. In addition to having been Police Court Judge, he has also served as City Prosecutor of Inglewood, and for a number of years was City Attorney of Gardena.

Judge Luce has been very active in civic and fraternal affairs. He has been a member and is a past-president of the Inglewood Board of Education; he is a member and past Exalted Ruler of the Inglewood Elks Lodge; a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner; affiliated with Phi Alpha Delta and Delta Chi fraternities; he is past-president of the Kiwanis Club as well as a former president of the Inglewood Bar Association; he is a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, and he is a member and past officer and director of the Inglewood Golf and Country Club.

The former Miss Fern J. Clifford, a native of Los Angeles, became the wife of Judge Luce. They have two children: Barbara Jean and Peggy Irene, both of whom are attending Inglewood High School.

Judge Luce's favorite avocations are golf and bridge.

### **Albert W. Howe**

Albert W. Howe, president and half owner of the Inglewood City Lines, heads a business which is of exceeding importance to the growth and development of this city. Acquiring control of the busses following the lush war years, under his able management the business has been conducted so efficiently that exceptionally good service has been maintained, and it is interesting to note that seven new busses have recently been acquired at an over-all cost of \$70,000. These busses were purchased to replace obsolete equipment and are now in service. They are very modern, with hydraulic drive, air conditioning, and were built by General Motors. They are painted with the now colors of the line: cream from the windows up, an orange belt, and bluish green further down. The wheels are cream in color.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Howe was born April 7, 1908, the son of Albert J. and Florence (Shanahan) Howe. He received his schooling in Chicago and subsequently attended Armour Institute. Later he took business courses at the Chicago branch of Northwestern University, carrying on this work while employed by the Continental Can Company in Chicago. He was associated with this large company for a period of thirteen years. Beginning as a clerk, he ultimately rose to the position of production manager in a tin plate mill owned by the company.

Soon after the United States entered the recent war, Mr. Howe was transferred by the Continental Can Company to Terre Haute, Indiana, where an ammunition loading plant was being opened by the can company for the United States government. Following the completion of an intensive course in ammunition loading, Mr. Howe was assigned to the Arsenal at Dover, New Jersey, where the government conducted a training school for ammunition loading.

Here the trainees were given the opportunity to see loading operations during the day and at night were given lectures on the subject. Mr. Howe was one of those in charge of this training.

In January, 1943, Mr. Howe resigned from the Continental Can Company and joined the National City Lines in Chicago. After a year in the main office, he went on the road as a district supervisor, inspecting the operations of the company in six middlewestern cities. He later was sent to California to investigate the lines owned by the company in Inglewood, Burbank and Long Beach, and as a result of this trip he and a partner acquired the Inglewood and Burbank busses from the National City Lines.

Mr. Howe is a member of the Inglewood Kiwanis Club, the Elks Lodge and the Morningside Park Improvement Association.

He married Miss Florence Henrich, and they have two children: Gerald and Delise.

### **Robert H. Thompson, M. D.**

Dr. Robert H. Thompson, who has practiced in Inglewood since 1938, is well and favorably known in this community as an outstanding member of the medical profession. While he carries on a general practice, he has always given special attention to obstetrics and gynecology. A native of Wheeling, West Virginia, the doctor was born June 4, 1903, son of George A. and Margaret (Hofer) Thompson. He was brought to California by his parents when only four years of age and received his elementary and high school education in Los Angeles, following which he entered the University of California at Los Angeles and received the degree of A.B. there in 1925. His medical course followed at the University of Oregon and was completed in 1931. He interned for a year at the Los Angeles County General Hospital and then was a resident in obstetrics and gynecology there for three years.

Dr. Thompson began the practice of medicine in Los Angeles in 1936, and two years later moved to Inglewood. He is a member of the American, California and Los Angeles County Medical Associations, and he has the distinction of being affiliated with the American Academy of General Practice.

Local affiliations include the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

The former Miss Jean Keaney became the wife of Dr. Thompson. They have three children: Robert H., Jr., Kay and Charles.

### **Mark E. Todd**

A man who has made a remarkable success in the real estate and building business in Inglewood during the course of the past few years is Mark E. Todd,

a former president of the Inglewood Board of Realtors (1947), and also a former president of the 20-30 Club. A native of Denison, Texas, Mr. Todd was born November 15, 1916, son of the late George Edward, and Anna P. (Work) Todd. His father, a well-known contractor of Inglewood for many years, passed away on May 9, 1949, and is survived by his widow.

Mark E. Todd finished his elementary education in El Segundo and graduated from high school in that place, his family having moved there in 1911. He learned the building trade with his father, with whom he was associated from 1935 to 1940. Since the latter year he has engaged either in the real estate or building business, or both, on his own, except for his service during the recent war. Mr. Todd has erected a considerable number of houses in this area, as well as other types of structures, and has been unusually successful in his building operations.

During the war, he was in the Construction Battalion attached to a Marine unit and was rated as a First Class Carpenter. He spent three years in the South Pacific, and took part in several engagements in that area. Following his separation from the service, he again took up the real estate and building business in Inglewood, and has continued ever since.

In addition to his other affiliations, Mr. Todd is a member of the Elks Lodge and the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, being chairman of the publicity division of the latter. His hobby is flying, and he owns his own plane and has a pilot's license.

## **Oliver (Twist) Hague**

Oliver T. Hague, commonly known to all of his friends as "Twist," of the Hague and Thomas DeSoto-Plymouth dealers, has had a wide experience in the business world, and was identified with the automotive industry for a number of years prior to coming to Inglewood.

A native of Winnipeg, Canada, Mr. Hague was born September 14, 1903, son of Augustin Richard and Margaret Jane (Scott) Hague. He attended school in Winnipeg and lived there until he was nineteen years of age. However, when he was only fourteen, he began work in the Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Hamilton, and later was employed by the United Grain Growers in Winnipeg for about a year. Then for a period of three years he was with the local branch of the International Harvester Company. When he left Winnipeg, he located in El Paso, Texas, and there was with the Federal Reserve Bank for about a year. From El Paso, he went to Luling, Texas, and there had his first experience in the automotive industry, becoming associated with the Gregg Motor Company, Buick dealers, in that community.



MARK E. TODD



It was in 1926 that Mr. Hague came to California. Locating in Los Angeles, he was with the Lord Motor Car Company for a little over a year and then came to Inglewood to be associated with Frank R. Adler, who was the DeSoto dealer at that time. Starting as a salesman, he subsequently occupied various other positions in the Adler organization. When Mr. Adler died in 1936, Mr. Hague acquired the business from the estate and it was continued under the Adler name until 1946. R. H. Thomas became a partner in the business in 1937.

In October, 1946, Hague and Thomas completed the erection of their splendid new buildings at 830 South La Brea, and the firm name was then changed to Hague and Thomas.

The plant of the Hague-Thomas organization is located on almost a half acre of property, and the total investment amounts to approximately half a million dollars. All the very latest equipment has been installed for the expert repair of all makes of automobiles, and the sales room and offices present a very pleasing appearance. The organization has a personnel of about thirty-five, each person an expert in his line.

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Mr. Hague is a member of a number of local organizations, and is particularly active in the Lions Club, of which he has been a vice-president and treasurer. He married Miss Julette A. Faulkner, who is also from Winnipeg. They have one son, Dennis M., a graduate of California Military Academy.

Mr. Hague's avocations are traveling, gardening and reading.

### **F. H. Lusby, D. O.**

An important and leading member of the osteopathic profession of Inglewood is Dr. F. H. Lusby, who, in the course of the past fourteen years has built up an exceedingly large practice in this city, and is widely known for his skill as an obstetrician and practitioner in general medicine.

The doctor was born at Beaumont, Texas, on June 26, 1904, son of Fletcher and Elizabeth (Preston) Lusby. His father recently died at the great age of ninety-five. His mother, who was from a prominent Texas family, passed away in Inglewood at the age of eighty.

Dr. Lusby spent eleven years of his boyhood in Santa Barbara and vicinity, and attended elementary school in that city and graduated from Montebello High School. He then took an electrical engineering course at Texas A. and M. College, but, deciding to enter the osteopathic profession, he completed his pre-medical course at Pacific Union College in California and then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Los Angeles, where he graduated in

1934. He interned for a year at the Los Angeles County Hospital and then took up practice in Inglewood.

He is a member of the California Osteopathic Association and Sigma Sigma Phi osteopathic fraternity. Locally, he belongs to the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

The former Miss Charlotte Hayden, who was born in Nebraska, became the wife of Dr. Lusby. Mrs. Lusby is particularly interested in the Girl Scouts organization and is active in the Parent-Teacher Association as well as being a member of the Inglewood Women's Club, P.E.O., and the Methodist Church. Dr. and Mrs. Lusby have two daughters, Grace and Betty.

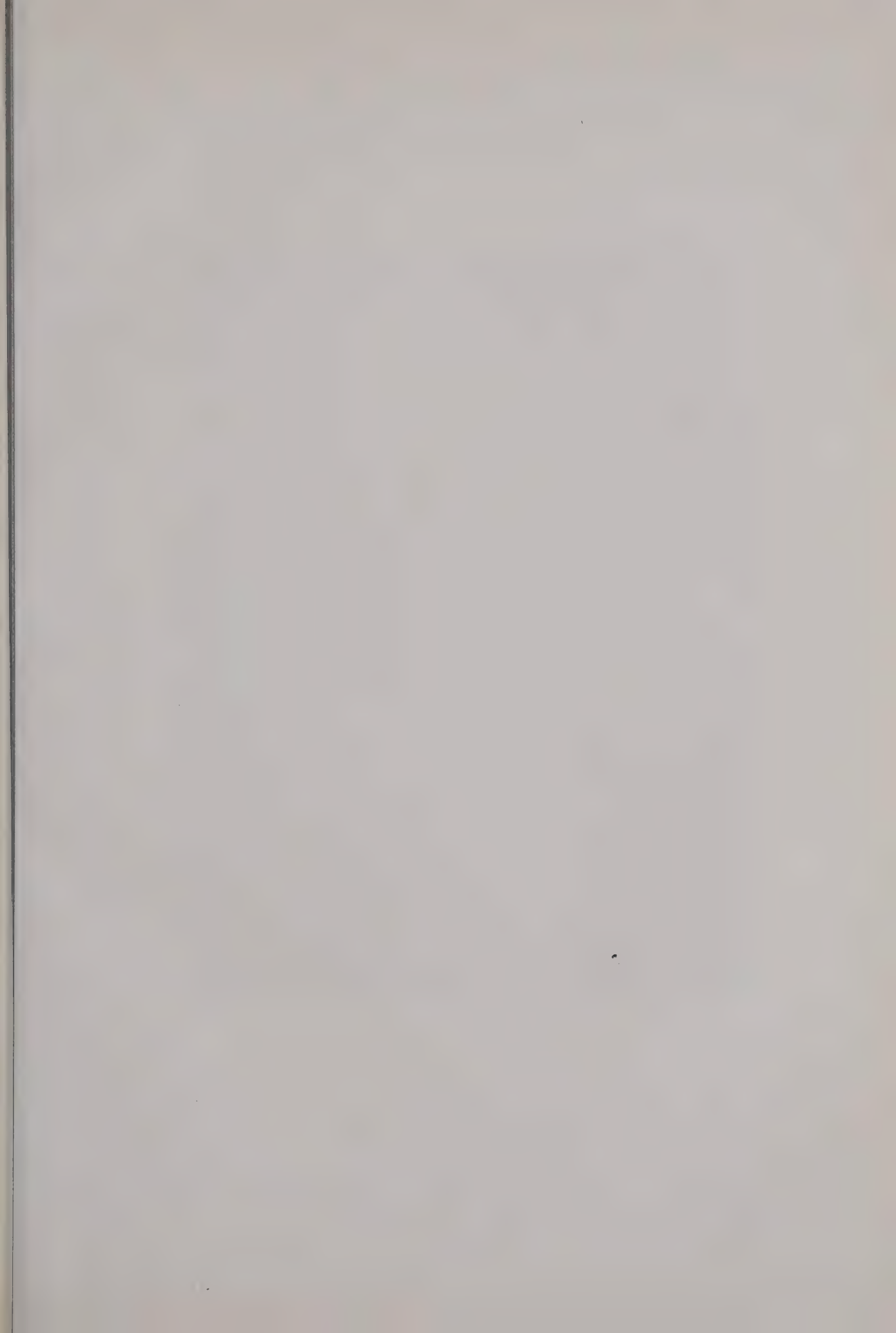
### **Clara H. Donnelly**

A prominent member of the real estate profession in Inglewood is Mrs. Clara H. Donnelly, who has had many years of experience in this business, having begun her business career about thirty years ago in Detroit, where she was first engaged in insurance and later in real estate.

A native of Saginaw, Michigan, she was educated in her native city, and as a young woman had an excellent insurance business in Detroit, which she ultimately sold, and her real estate experience there was with the John A. Campbell Company, a very large organization, of which she had charge of the women's division.

Coming to California in 1938, Mrs. Donnelly was in the real estate business in San Bernardino for about a year and then was in Pasadena for about the same length of time. Arriving in Inglewood in 1940, she joined the Sentinel Real Estate Company, with which she was associated for about four years. At the end of this time, she and Mr. Gilbert Reiling established the Arbor Realty Company, of which she is now the sole owner. In addition to having conducted a large brokerage business, Mrs. Donnelly has acquired a considerable amount of valuable real estate of her own, including the property where her office is located at 972 South La Brea.

Mrs. Donnelly is a member of the California Real Estate Association and the Inglewood Board of Realtors. For a considerable length of time she personally prepared the weekly luncheons for the members of the local board, and has been otherwise active in the affairs of the organization. Mrs. Donnelly formerly conducted a number of plays for the Inglewood Realty Board, which were very popular in their day. She is a member and trustee of the Emblem Club and a member of Women's Council, National Association of Real Estate Boards. She is currently a member of the program committee of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce. Another important interest is the Church of Religious

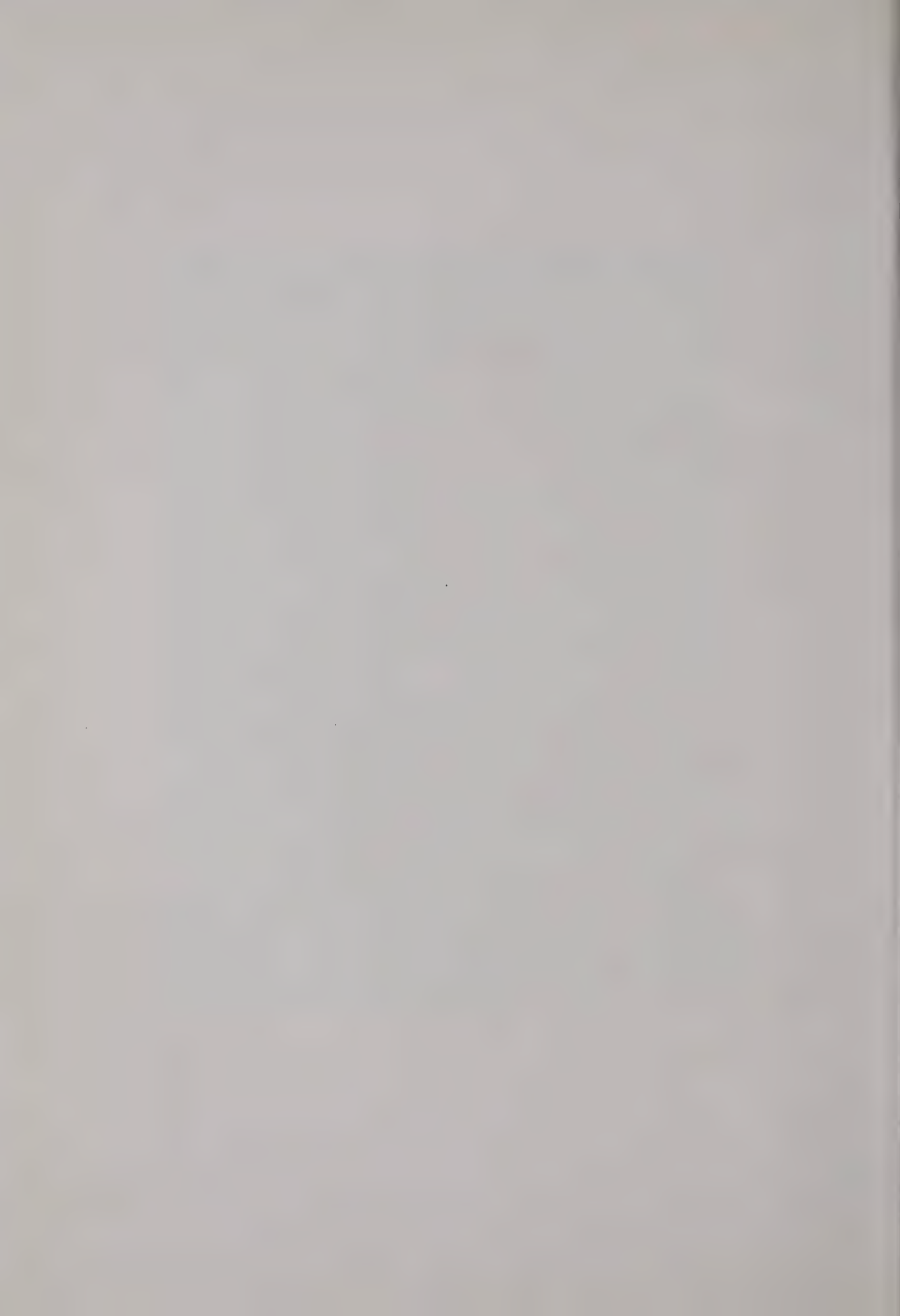




REV. J. M. FRANCIS, D. D.



REGINALD K. FRANCIS, M. D.



Science Chapter in Inglewood, of which she organized the chapter in Inglewood and is a former president.

### **Rev. J. M. Francis, D. D.**

One of Inglewood's most beloved and highly respected citizens is Dr. J. M. Francis, who has made his home here since he retired from the ministry in 1931. During the eighteen years of his residence here, Dr. Francis has taken an active part in the civic and business affairs of the community. He was Vice-President of the old Bank of Inglewood and is now Chairman of the Advisory Board of the local branch of the Bank of America. He is a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Lions Club.

Dr. Francis was born at Myerstown, Pennsylvania, on March 4, 1865. He was graduated from Gettysburg College and also the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. His first charge was at Louisville, Kentucky. Subsequently, he was pastor of several of the largest Lutheran churches in America. He has served on the Board of Trustees of both Wittenburg College (Ohio) and Susquehanna University (Pennsylvania). During his pastorate in Springfield, Dr. Francis was Chaplain of the Illinois State Legislature.

Although he has resigned from the active ministry, he maintains membership in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Inglewood. His wife, the former Elizabeth Martha Toot, was very active in church work. She died February of 1949 at the age of eighty.

Dr. Francis has three sons, all physicians: Dr. Raymond T. of Santa Ana, California, and Drs. Reginald K. and Robert M. of Inglewood.

### **Reginald K. Francis, M. D.**

Dr. Reginald K. Francis is recognized as an outstanding member of the medical profession of Southern California, and as an eye specialist he is widely and favorably known in this part of the state.

Born in Columbia City, Indiana, on May 31, 1898, Dr. Francis is a son of Reverend J. M. Francis, D.D., and the late Elizabeth Martha (Toot) Francis. He attended grammar and high school in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Gettysburg College with a degree of A.B. His M.D. degree was taken at the University of Pennsylvania in 1922, and ten years later he returned there to take a year's post-graduate course in ophthalmology.

After completing an internship at the Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Dr. Francis practiced at Oxnard, California, for two years prior to coming to

Inglewood. For five years Dr. Francis served on the consulting staff of the Children's Hospital in Hollywood, and for a number of years he has been on the staff of the Los Angeles Eye and Ear Hospital.

Dr. Francis is vice-president of the Inglewood Federal Savings and Loan Association. He is a member of the local Lions Club, and his college fraternity is Phi Gamma Delta. He married Miss Sue Lillian Shank, formerly of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

### **Robert M. Francis, M. D.**

Dr. Robert M. Francis has long occupied a foremost position as a physician and surgeon in Inglewood. Taking up practice here in 1929, he has continued ever since, and is highly esteemed by his patients and colleagues alike.

A native of Springfield, Illinois, Dr. Francis was born on September 10, 1902, the son of the Reverend J. M. Francis, D.D., and the late Elizabeth Martha (Toot) Francis. He attended grammar school in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, and graduated from high school at Waynesboro in the same state. He then took two years of pre-medical work at Gettysburg College, following which he went to the University of Pittsburgh where he graduated with the M.D. degree in 1927. After completing his internship at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh, he came to Inglewood.

Dr. Francis serves on the staffs of the Centinela Hospital and the Methodist Hospital of Southern California in Los Angeles. He belongs to the American, State, and County Medical Associations, and the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity. His social fraternity was Phi Gamma Delta. He is a Rotarian and a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, serving on the Church Council.

Miss Harriet G. Lloyd became the wife of Dr. Francis on August 27, 1928, at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. They have a son and a daughter: Robert L. Francis, a graduate of Inglewood High School and now a student at Pomona College, and Harriett Elizabeth Francis, who attends elementary school in Inglewood.

### **Leo Finch**

The oldest established upholstery firm in Inglewood is the Inglewood Upholstery Co., which enjoys an enviable reputation throughout the Centinela Valley. It was founded in 1930 by Leo Finch, and is located at 433 West Manchester Boulevard on property owned by Mr. Finch. Due to Mr. Finch's long experience in the trade and because of the excellent service rendered, his



ROBERT M. FRANCIS, M. D.



business has enjoyed an ever-continuing growth. Service consists of upholstering and renovating all types of covered furniture, as well as mattress work.

A native of Alcester, South Dakota, Mr. Finch was born April 12, 1898, son of Foster and Minnie (Behnke) Finch. He attended the country schools of his native state, and his father passing away as a young man, he was raised on his grandfather's farm south of the town of Beresford, South Dakota.

Mr. Finch participated in World War I, having been in the United States Army for about two years and a half, most of which time he was overseas, attached to a supply train. After the war, he returned to South Dakota and farmed for a time, but soon went to Idaho and worked in factories in that state until 1921, when he came to California and located in Long Beach. He learned his trade in that city and followed it in Whittier and Los Angeles prior to locating in Inglewood.

Mr. Finch is a member of the Inglewood Kiwanis Club and the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He married Miss Dorine Rasmusson, and they have two children: Lola and Frank. Mr. Finch's hobbies are fishing, gardening, and collecting four-leaf clovers.

### **James R. Johnson, M. D.**

A member of the medical profession in Inglewood is Dr. James R. Johnson, who has had an exceptional background as a surgeon. A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he was born June 28, 1915, son of Earl Frank and Maude (Cowdrey) Johnson. His father is a paper box manufacturer in Milwaukee.

The future doctor received his elementary and high school education in Milwaukee and then spent two years at Marquette University, following which he went to the University of Wisconsin for a year and then entered the medical school of Harvard University, graduating in 1939 with the degree of M.D. He interned at the Wisconsin General Hospital at Madison, and was a resident there in medicine for a year and a half. Following this, he spent three and a half years at the Mayo Clinic, first as a resident and later as an assistant to the surgical staff of that important institution.

Prior to taking up practice in Inglewood in 1947, Dr. Johnson was associated with Dr. F. G. Cooper, in Huntington Park, for about a year and a half. His work here is devoted exclusively to surgery and he is the Chief of Surgery at the Centinela Hospital and Senior Consultant in Surgery at the Harbor Branch of the Los Angeles County Hospital. He holds the same position at the Methodist Hospital in Los Angeles, St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood, and Mission Hospital in Huntington Park.

Dr. Johnson is a member of the American Medical Association and affiliated bodies. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He also belongs to the Los Angeles Surgical Society, and holds a Master's Degree in surgery awarded by the Mayo Clinic. Local affiliations include the Rotary Club and the Harvard Club of Los Angeles.

Dr. Johnson married the former Miss Shirley James, of Milwaukee, on September 7, 1940. They have two children: Bonnie Sue and James Gwynn.

The doctor's favorite avocations are golf, tennis, swimming, and piano playing.

### **Bartlett M. (Bart) Hall**

The Chrysler-Plymouth dealer in Inglewood is Bartlett M. Hall, commonly known to his many friends as "Bart" Hall, and he has had a long and varied career in the automotive industry and for years has been actively identified with the Chrysler car.

A native of Springfield, Ohio, Mr. Hall was born September 18, 1890, son of Dr. Willis W. and Cora (Black) Hall. His father was a practicing physician and surgeon of Springfield and died at an early age. Following the completion of his schooling in his native town, Bart Hall started work in an automobile plant in Springfield and continued until he volunteered for service during World War I. During this conflict, he rose to the rank of Major and was in the 85th Division, stationed in Michigan and Louisiana. It is interesting to note that Mr. Hall was also on active duty in World War II, having been a Colonel in the Army Air Corps serving as a ground executive officer in England and in Germany, his period of service extending for four years.

Following the termination of his service in World War I, Mr. Hall became sales manager in the truck department of the Packard Motor Company in St. Louis, continuing in this position for about four years. He then became regional manager for the Chrysler Motor Car Company with headquarters in Seattle, Washington, and was in this position when he volunteered for service during the recent war.

Mr. Hall established the Air Harbor Motors Corporation in Inglewood in 1946. He erected a large, costly and commodious plant for the business on North La Brea, which has unusually fine display rooms and is equipped with splendid facilities for service, and during the course of the comparatively short time that Air Harbor Motors has been in existence in Inglewood an exceptionally fine business has been enjoyed under Mr. Hall's able management.

The former Miss Jo Dunn became the wife of Mr. Hall. He has a son, George, by a former marriage who is an attorney in Alexandria, Louisiana.



BARTLETT M. HALL



This brilliant young man was president of the student body in his senior year at Tulane University.

Mr. Hall is a member of the American Legion and the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce. His home is in this city.

### **Lloyd M. Shride, D. O.**

A leading osteopathic physician and surgeon of Inglewood, and one of the oldest professional men of any class in the city, in length of service, is Dr. Lloyd M. Shride, who is a native of Findley, Illinois, born March 29, 1899, son of Lyman and Matilda Shride.

The doctor came to Inglewood with his sister, Mrs. Netta Slack, in 1912, having lost both parents in Illinois, and completed an active four years in the Union High School in the year 1918. During his high school days, he figured prominently in dramatics, track, tennis, and football. In the month of August, 1918, Dr. Shride joined the U. S. Navy, receiving his initial training in Balboa Park, San Diego. From there he went to Norfolk, Virginia, where he went in training with the Atlantic Coast fleet. He was later transferred, this time for transport service, during the course of which he made six trips to Liverpool, England, and Brest, France. He was honorably discharged in October, 1919. He thereupon entered the Eclectic College of Chiropractic in Los Angeles, and finished a successful course in December, 1921, and followed this with a six-month post-graduate course, at the close of which he opened offices in Inglewood.

In order to broaden the field of his services, Dr. Shride matriculated in 1928 at the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, in Los Angeles, and five years later was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy. After the completion of his internship in the Los Angeles County Osteopathic Hospital, he began the practice of osteopathy in this city. He has subsequently taken post-graduate courses in surgery, and a considerable portion of his work is devoted to this branch.

The doctor is a member of the American and California Osteopathic Associations and is a Junior Member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. For some time, he has served on the teaching staff in the anatomy department of the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

On September 30, 1922, Dr. Shride married Miss Gladys Margaret Kelly, formerly of Sherman, Texas. Mrs. Shride is a graduate of Manual Arts High School, in Los Angeles.

Dr. Shride is a member of the Masonic order, and belongs to the Inglewood Post of the American Legion.

The one child of Dr. and Mrs. Shride is Joyce, who is in her second year at the University of Southern California, where she is majoring in Education.

### **Leslie A. Madden**

Among Inglewood's successful Realtors is Leslie A. Madden, who took up the real estate business in Inglewood after a wide, varied and interesting career in other lines of activity.

A native son, Mr. Madden was born in Oakland on October 24, 1912, his parents being Daniel Joseph and Sarah Ruth Madden. When Mr. Madden was a boy, his family moved to Madera County at a place about half way between the communities known as Coarse Gold and Raymond and he attended the old Willowbrook School, which is no longer in existence. In 1924, his family moved to Fresno, and Mr. Madden continued his education in that city, being a student at Longfellow Junior High School and Roosevelt High School.

As a youth, he learned the trade of diamond setting with the Los Angeles firm of Frank Di Christina. He spent a total of three years as a diamond setter and then joined the Los Angeles firm of Ray E. Dodge, Inc. trophy manufacturer. Following this, he was employed by the Gold Crown Mining Company out of Twenty-nine Palms. He next took a job with a lumber company of Bellingham, Washington, in a logging camp, and then purchased a 160-acre farm at Everson, Washington. He operated this farm successfully for a considerable length of time, having had thirty-five milk cows and about five hundred head of hogs as well as forty acres in certified seed potatoes and seven and a half acres in strawberries. At about this period, he also maintained a crew of specialty salesmen, and was in the vending machine business at the same time.

A serious automobile accident in 1940 necessitated Mr. Madden being laid up for a period of six months. On his recovery, in January, 1941, he joined the North American Aviation Company, and while in this connection he was employed as a sheet metal worker and finally became coordinator for the final assembly of Dept. No. 25. He worked on Mustangs, B-25's and P-82's.

It was in November, 1945, that Mr. Madden entered the real estate business on a part-time basis with the Sentinel Realty Company. In a couple of months he went to a full-time basis and was soon made manager of the company's former branch at 2716 West Manchester Boulevard. While active in the real estate business, he also handled insurance through the Centinela Insurance Agency.

In June, 1948, Mr. Madden established his own real estate business known as L. A. Madden Realty, located at 4808 West Imperial Highway, and his first



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EULA MAE HUBBARD

year's sales have been exceptionally good. He specializes in homes, and his slogan is "Be a Home Owner." His success is attributable to liberal use of advertising, unusual activity, and dependability. He is a Realtor, and active in the Inglewood Board of Realtors, also a member of Los Angeles Realty Board, Southwest Branch, and Business Sales Association. He is a member of Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and past active member of Morningside Park 20-30 Club.

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The former Miss Ella Rose Hansen became the wife of Mr. Madden in September, 1941. They have an adopted son, Stephen Mark Madden.

Hunting, fishing and traveling are Mr. Madden's favorite recreations.

## **Eula Mae Hubbard**

For a number of years, Mrs. Eula Mae Hubbard has been one of Inglewood's important businesswomen, as well as occupying a prominent place in local civic, cultural and social circles. Following activities in other types of work, for the past several years she has been active in the real estate business, having started her career in this line in 1943. She conducted her own business for a period of three and a half years and ultimately became associated with Harry S. Colmer.

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Mrs. Hubbard was born in Colfax, Illinois. Her early education was obtained in her native town but, since her family moved to Los Angeles when she was quite young, she attended Los Angeles High School for three years and graduated from that institution. Locating in Inglewood, her early business experience here was with the Kroehler Manufacturing Company, in the responsible position of credit manager, and later she occupied a similar position with Montgomery-Ward in this city.

Mrs. Hubbard is a former secretary-treasurer of the Inglewood Board of Realtors, and a former director of the California Real Estate Association, both offices attesting to her prominence and capability in her chosen field. In addition to her other affiliations, she is a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, Educational Division.

The two daughters of Mrs. Hubbard are Jacqueline Lee and Patricia Jane. Her husband, Eddie, is with the Hadley Printing Co.

Besides conducting a successful business career and raising her family, Mrs. Hubbard finds time to pursue her avocation, which is painting, and at which she is particularly adept.

## **Einar C. Matson**

Einar C. Matson has long been regarded as one of Inglewood's foremost citizens. An unusually popular man, he is president of the Rotary Club, and has had numerous important interests in this area. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on April 4, 1902, the son of Christian and Karen Matson, both of whom were natives of Denmark.

He received his early schooling in his native state, and while in his 'teens went to Montana, where he received his early agriculture training, and for some time he was in the State Forestry Service. He has resided in California since 1924, being employed by his brother-in-law, Sylvester R. Moore, in 1929. During the following years he has attended and taken extension courses at U.C.L.A. and U.S.C. in Landscape Architecture.

Mr. Matson purchased and has operated Moore's Nursery since 1935. He has landscaped many fine gardens literally all over the Southern end of Los Angeles County. Many of the fine homes of Westwood, Bel Air and other high-class sections have been beautified by him, and in addition he has handled numerous jobs in the South Bay area, from Long Beach to Malibu. In 1945, Mr. Matson leased the retail part of his nursery business, and in 1948 he sold the growing grounds where he produced his choice *Ranunculus* bulbs and seed, retaining that part containing the retail nursery. He is now the owner of a thirteen-acre piece of property in the Malibu area, and here he occupies himself in growing hybrid *Gerbera jamesoni* and also carries on some citrus culture on this property.

Mr. Matson is a charter member and former director of the Southern California Horticultural Institute. He recently resigned as secretary of the Inglewood Park and Recreation Commission. A prominent 32nd Degree Mason, he is Past Master of Inglewood Lodge #421, F. & A. M., and affiliated with the Scottish Rite Bodies in Los Angeles and Al Malakah Shrine Temple, as well as the Inglewood Shrine Club. He is currently chairman of the Relief Committee of the Los Angeles Masonic Board of Relief.

Mrs. Matson was formerly Miss Onda Newman, who is a native of Ohio. For a number of years she has been a teacher in the Los Angeles School System. Mr. and Mrs. Matson have one son, Jon Christian, age 8.

## **Judge Frank D. Parent**

Judge Frank D. Parent, newly appointed Municipal Court Judge in Inglewood, has long occupied a position of influence and importance in this community. For a number of years active in the real estate and building business, he aided in a material way the growth and development of Inglewood.



JUDGE FRANK D. PARENT



It was in 1910 that the Judge brought his family to Inglewood, and soon after arrival here he bought the interest of Edward Morrison in the Inglewood Realty Company, who was then in partnership with W. S. Magee. Four years later Magee's interests were also purchased, and until 1922 Judge Parent was the sole owner of the business. In the latter years, H. D. Moseley came in as a partner, but retired four years later, and from that time the company was owned and operated by Judge Parent until 1941. During the years of its existence this company has handled many important real estate transactions, and developed a number of well-known subdivisions.

Judge Parent was one of the organizers and is a charter director in the Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association and is a member and past president of the local Chamber of Commerce. For many years he has been actively interested in the schools of the city, and was for fourteen years a trustee of the Inglewood High School. He was charter president of the Inglewood Realty Board and is a past president of the Rotary Club.

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An early important service Judge Parent rendered was his chairmanship of the Aeronautical Committee of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, which committee was instrumental in obtaining the air races in 1928 and, still more important, was instrumental in having Los Angeles lease the land for the municipal airport. In many other ways, Judge Parent has furthered the interests of this part of Los Angeles County.

Judge Parent served on the Inglewood Police Court bench from 1930 until elected to the Justice Court in 1942, to which office he was re-elected in 1946. In June, 1949, he automatically became one of the two judges of the new municipal court established in Inglewood. Presiding over a municipal court was not new to him, as he had sat for a total of two and a half years in the municipal court in Long Beach and also had sat in the municipal court of Los Angeles for several months just prior to his new appointment here.

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Judge Parent was born in Abilene, Kansas, on July 11, 1878. His elementary education was received in his home town, and it is interesting to note that he was coach of the high school football team at Abilene on which General Dwight Eisenhower played. The judge graduated from the law department of the University of Kansas, and while at that institution he was a member of the football team. Prior to coming to California, he practiced law in Kansas City, Missouri, and in Abilene, Kansas. He was elected County Attorney of Dickinson County, Kansas, in 1907.

The former Miss Alice Sterl became the wife of Judge Parent. Mrs. Parent has long been one of Inglewood's most respected and most active women. She is a past president of the Women's Club, and was chairman of the building

committee when the present beautiful club structure was erected. She is a former member of the Park Commission and her hobby was tennis courts and a bowl for the park. In many other ways Mrs. Parent has aided in the social development of Inglewood. Due to her many activities here, she is one of the best informed persons on Inglewood history. In Los Angeles, she is active in the Friday Morning Club, being a life member.

Judge and Mrs. Parent have two daughters: Mary Alice, the wife of Ray Zeman; and Nancy Sterl, the wife of John F. Crowther. The former lives in Los Angeles and the latter in Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

## **Gordon Wells**

One of Inglewood's youngest and most successful business executives is Gordon Wells, owner of the Quality Paint and Builders Supply Company. This business is the successor and outgrowth of the firm of R. C. Wells and Son, dealers in building materials.

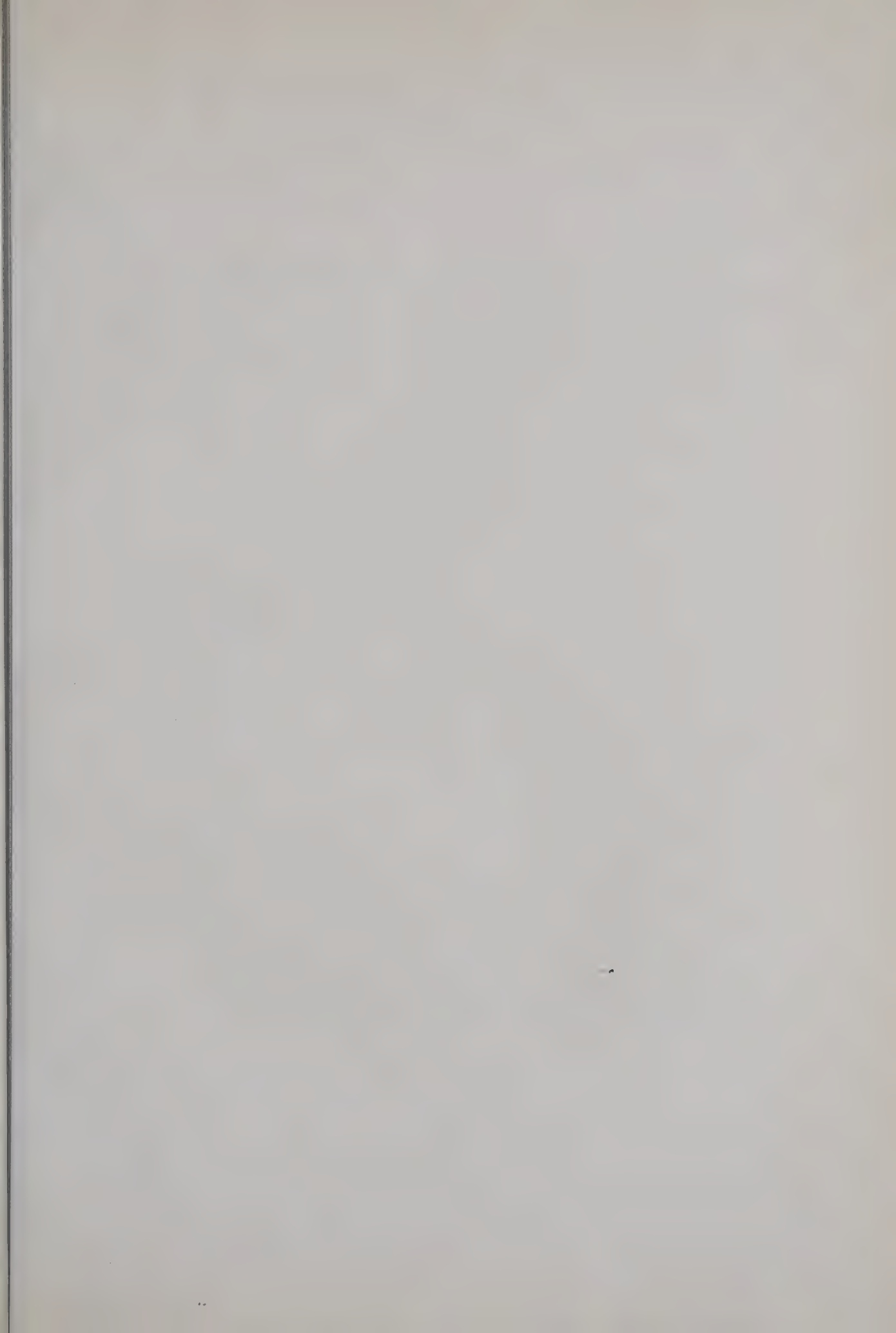
Gordon Wells is a native son of Inglewood, born on January 13, 1913. His late father's full name was Ralph Cyrus Wells, and his mother's name is Mary Honaker Wells. She is the daughter of the late James Honaker, who was an old-time nurseryman of Inglewood, who planted many of the early trees along the streets of the city. Mrs. Wells was also born in this city.

Following his graduation from the local high school, Gordon Wells joined his father, who was then conducting a building material business of his own, and the firm of R. C. Wells and Son was established.

Some time after the death of his father, Gordon Wells established the new firm of Quality Paint and Builders Supply on North La Brea. Located in its own buildings, which are very much more extensive than is apparent from the street, his business stocks everything in the building line except lumber, including plaster, cement, roofing, hardware, stucco, sand, gravel and rock. The latter three items have always made up the greatest portion of the firm's business, and road building materials have long been supplied to the cities of Inglewood and El Segundo, and the Hollywood Park Race Track is also a customer. Under Mr. Wells' exceptionally able management, the Quality Paint and Builders Supply Company has become one of the best patronized businesses of its kind in the Centinela Valley.

Mr. Wells is a member of the Optimist Club and serves on its Board of Governors.

He married Miss Geraldine Jack, who was born in Palms, California. They have two children: Lois Lee and Dennis Lee.





LEROY S. JARRETT

## **Leroy S. Jarrett**

Leroy S. Jarrett, president of the California Flyers School of Aeronautics, has had a long and successful career as an executive, organizer and business manager. Even as a youth in school, he worked during his vacations, and ultimately joined the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company at Akron, Ohio, and while in this connection he attended the school provided by that company. He was finally sent to Los Angeles by the Goodyear Company to assist in opening the tire department in that city; he was only twenty-seven years of age at that time and, therefore, extremely young for a position of such responsibility.

Deciding to change his occupation, Mr. Jarrett became associated with the Los Angeles Branch of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and continued in this connection until he entered the automotive business on his own account.

In 1937, he joined what was then known as California Flyers, Inc., the predecessor of the present California Flyers School of Aeronautics. Originally student councillor, registrar and vice-president, Mr. Jarrett became president of this important institution in 1948. The school was moved from the municipal airport to its present location in Inglewood in September, 1946. The institution occupies eight acres of ground, and over forty thousand square feet is enclosed in the buildings. Over six hundred students are regularly enrolled, and complete courses are offered in aircraft and aircraft engine mechanics. The school is approved for G-I training and has long occupied an enviable position in its field. While the number of schools which give pilot training is fairly numerous, mechanical schools, such as California Flyers School of Aeronautics, are comparatively rare, and the demand for trained aircraft mechanics is constantly greater than the supply.

Mr. Jarrett is a native of Reidsville, North Carolina, born November 24, 1894, son of John W. and Josephine (Barber) Jarrett. He attended school in his native state and graduated from high school in Danville, Virginia, and also took a year's business course in the latter town.

Mr. Jarrett married Miss Lillian Powell, and has two children: Hilton F. and Maryleen.

Mr. Jarrett is a Mason, and the California Flyers School belongs to both the Los Angeles and Inglewood Chambers of Commerce.

As a hobby, Mr. Jarrett enjoys woodworking.

## **J. A. Danielson**

J. A. Danielson has for years been active in the civic and business life of Inglewood. Coming here first on a visit in 1920, he purchased ten acres of

property on the corner of Hardy and Eucalyptus Streets in Inglewood. After spending a few months here, he returned East, but came back in 1924 and has been here continuously ever since, and he has seen the community increase almost ten-fold in population from the time of his original visit here.

Mr. Danielson was born in Story County, Iowa, on August 28, 1879, the son of Sam and Nellie Danielson. He was educated in the schools of his native state and when a young man engaged in farming and also in the livery business. He spent twenty years in Chicago in the general merchandise and grocery business.

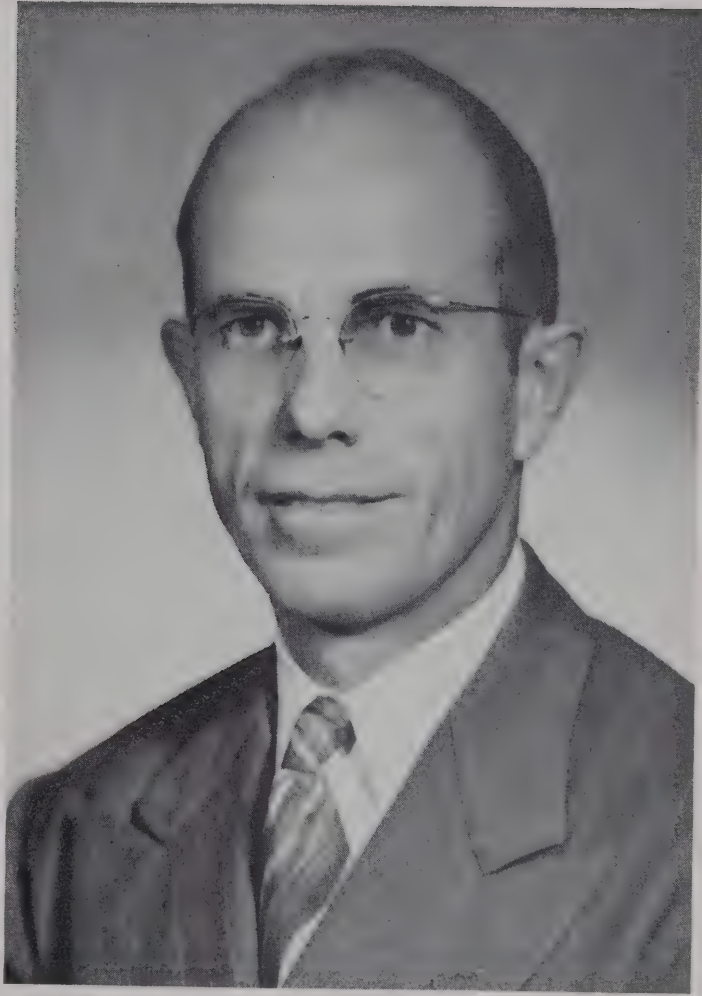
One of Mr. Danielson's first important activities in Inglewood was the subdivision of the original ten acres which he purchased here. This became the first restricted residential tract in the city. As a builder, Mr. Danielson has contributed to the development of this city in a substantial way, as he has erected over a hundred houses, many of them being considerably finer and more costly than the average Inglewood home. By building houses of this type, Mr. Danielson did his part toward putting Inglewood on a higher plane, and thereby attracting residents of more financial standing than formerly came to this city.

For a number of years past, Mr. Danielson has engaged in the insurance business, and handles all lines of insurance except life. He is a member of the local Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce, having served as president of the latter important organization in 1941, and he has a thirteen-year 100% attendance record in the Kiwanis Club.

He married the former Miss Marie Knefel, a native of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Danielson have one daughter, Rita, who was born in Inglewood, a graduate of Inglewood High School and now Mrs. Alvin Barham.

## **Don Morgan**

Don Morgan is generally conceded to be the leading painting and decorating contractor of Inglewood, and during the course of the past thirteen years, he has built up an exceedingly large and successful business. It is noteworthy that a very large percentage of his work comes from satisfied customers. By adhering to a strict code of business ethics and by following a policy of conscientious workmanship, he has achieved an enviable position in the community as a painting contractor and an exceedingly large percentage of the larger residences, commercial and industrial structures of Inglewood and environs, as well as numerous structures in other parts of Southern California, have been painted by Mr. Morgan's crews, and his services are in constant demand, not only in Inglewood, but in adjoining communities.



DON MORGAN



A native of Ellsworth, Minnesota, Mr. Morgan was born July 25, 1911, son of John P. and Cora (Nelson) Morgan. He received his schooling in Minnesota and as a youth farmed for a time, but began to learn the painting trade at an early age. It was in 1935 that he came to California. He worked for a time as a painter in Hollywood, but soon started contracting on his own in Inglewood. Beginning in a small way, his business has gradually expanded until at the present time his operations are very extensive, and he constantly has several crews engaged on the different jobs he is handling. The experience and background of Mr. Morgan has made it possible for him to create, design and execute unusually attractive interiors and exteriors, as well as functional showrooms, offices, factories and other structures. Maintained for the convenience of his customers is a library and display room, where an excellent selection of decorators' books, color charts, cards, and wallpaper books are available.

Mr. Morgan's painting business was interrupted during World War II on account of his military service. He was a division engineer and battalion supply sergeant with the 7th Engineers, 5th Division, of General Patton's Third Army and took part in the hazardous work of building bridges and other structures under fire in the European theater.

Active in several organizations, Mr. Morgan is a member of the Board of Control of the Inglewood Exchange Club, and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. His church is St. John's Parish. He has shown his generosity by donating painting work gratuitously for the Inglewood Girl Scout Camp, for the Knights of Columbus building, and the American Legion Building, being a member of this organization.

He married Miss Mildred Burke October 1, 1949.

### **James J. Burns, M. D.**

Among the younger members of the medical profession of Inglewood, Dr. James J. Burns holds a position of importance and respect. Coming to this city soon after the completion of his residency in the Kern County General Hospital in Bakersfield, he was associated with the Ross-Loos Medical Group for a few months and then in April, 1949, he entered practice on his own with offices at 511 East Manchester Boulevard.

A native of Rocky Ford, Colorado, Dr. Burns was born March 31, 1915, son of James J. and Anna (Merriman) Burns. His father is an old-time druggist of Los Angeles County, having had stores in the city of Los Angeles and in several other localities in the county. His home is now in San Pedro.

The doctor was brought to Los Angeles when only a year and a half old and received his elementary schooling in that city and graduated from Manual

Arts High School. He then took three years of pre-medical work at the University of Southern California and graduated from the medical school of that institution. He interned at the Los Angeles County General Hospital, and then followed his general residency at the Kern County Hospital, in Bakersfield.

The doctor is a member of the American Medical Association and affiliated groups and serves on the staff of the Centinela Hospital.

He belongs to Phi Sigma Kappa college fraternity.

The former Miss Betty Stemsrud became the wife of Dr. Burns. She is also a medical doctor, and she and Dr. Burns were married while they were classmates at the University of Southern California medical school. She is currently with the Los Angeles City Health Department. The Drs. Burns have one son, Micheal James.

## **James H. Kew**

On any list of Inglewood's leading pioneer citizens the name of James Kew would be found at or near the top, as for a period of fifty years he has been one of the community's most prominent men. Coming here in 1898, for several years thereafter he had charge of the Daniel Freeman ranch, and as an indication of how history repeats itself, he is now the business representative of Mrs. Grace Howland, the daughter of Daniel Freeman, who inherited his Inglewood property. From 1910 until 1920, Mr. Kew served as city clerk of Inglewood, and for a few years he was street superintendent and had charge of the building of many of the important thoroughfares in the community. For two and a half years he was with the First National Bank of Inglewood, and after severing his connection with that institution, he began his duties in caring for Mrs. Howland's interests.

Mr. Kew was the principal organizer of the Inglewood Masonic Lodge, of which he was the first Master and secretary for sixteen years. He was also treasurer of the Odd Fellows Lodge for several years.

A native of Canada, James Kew was born at Beamsville, in the Province of Ontario, the son of William and Mary (Cornwell) Kew. His father was a carriage and cab manufacturer in Canada and was a noted man in his day. After attending a department of the University of Toronto, Mr. Kew took up the study of law in Toronto, but did not practice. Instead he came to California in 1887 on account of his health, having been brought here by his father, who did not remain. He had a brother in San Diego who was an attorney in that city and owned a ranch in the country. On this ranch, Mr. Kew spent three years regaining his health. He was subsequently with the Earl Fruit Company in the City of San Diego, prior to coming to Inglewood.





FRANK FLEISCHHACKER

Mr. Kew is a citizen who has always been ready to lend his time and effort for anything of benefit to the community, and the example set by such worthy pioneer citizens as he should be a splendid inspiration to the younger generation of the city.

## **Frank Fleischhacker**

For the past quarter century, Frank Fleischhacker has occupied an important position in Inglewood as a businessman and as a public official. Locating here in 1924, Mr. Fleischhacker purchased the southwest corner of Hyde Park Boulevard and Long Street in Inglewood, which at that time contained a small store building, and established a meat market at this location. His business prospered from the beginning and in two years he purchased the adjoining forty feet of property on the west, and the attractive business building, of Spanish architecture, which he owns on this corner is one of the important business structures in this part of Inglewood. In addition to the market, there are three smaller stores.

Some years ago, Mr. Fleischhacker erected a beautiful home for his family, consisting of eight large rooms, and of Spanish architecture, which is located in the rear of his store building. In 1935, he purchased eighty feet more property on the west of his store building, and here he has erected a sumptuous six-unit apartment house, which is of similar architecture to his other buildings, and the entire development of the three structures constitutes a most harmonious group and represents a distinct contribution to the upbuilding of Inglewood and to its beautification.

Mr. Fleischhacker was born in Germany on October 30, 1886, and came to this country with two boy companions in 1902, and landed in New York with ten dollars in his pocket and no job. Going west to St. Louis, and having plenty of initiative, he soon got a job there which paid the munificent sum of fifteen dollars per month for long hours of work in a butcher shop. After about three years he opened a small meat market of his own, which ultimately was developed into a business of considerable size and was continued until 1920 when Mr. Fleischhacker came to Los Angeles.

His first store in California was located at 2732 North Main Street, in Los Angeles. This he owned until 1924, when he sold it out and returned to St. Louis. The lure of California was too great to be resisted and, although expecting to remain permanently in St. Louis, he came back to this state after remaining away only six weeks.

Mr. Fleischhacker ably represented District No. 1 as a member of the City Council from 1941 to 1945, and District No. 2 from 1945 to 1949. He

has been active in numerous civic organizations and is regarded as one of Inglewood's public-spirited individuals. He is currently a member of the Republican County Central Committee.

Particular interests of Mr. Fleischhacker have been the Community Chest and Red Cross. He is always ready to give his time and means for anything of benefit to the community, and is rated as a first-class American citizen, which he became in 1911. He has his own philosophy for success, which includes such original mottos as, "The harder the times, the harder the work," "You can't spend yourself successful," and "You can't drink yourself sober."

The former Miss Carrie Kientz became the wife of Mr. Fleischhacker. They have three children: Betty, the wife of A. E. Peterson, with Albers Milling Co.; Frank Jr., who is with the Pillsbury Milling Company, and Caroline, who attends Inglewood High School. All the children were born in Inglewood and went to Inglewood School.

Mr. Fleischhacker, although born abroad, is a 100% American and a real believer in the future of Inglewood. He prophesies that the city will soon have a population of 60,000, and that many several storied business and apartment buildings will ultimately be erected here.

## **James W. Prough**

An unusually popular and sound citizen of this community is James W. Prough, who has the rare ability to successfully conduct two businesses. Coming to the Centinela Valley in 1925, he has resided in this area ever since and, in addition to practicing as an accountant and tax expert, he conducts a sizeable real estate business, his headquarters being in his own commodious business building at 4319 West Century Boulevard.

A native of Elkhart County, Indiana, Mr. Prough was born April 29, 1888, son of Alfred and Aurilla (Elliott) Prough. He attended elementary and high schools in his native county and as a young man entered railroading. For twelve years he was with various lines, including the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Great Northern, having been a brakeman, conductor and switchman. He was compelled to relinquish his railroad career on account of an accident and ultimately entered the auto painting business in the east and, coming to Los Angeles in 1924, continued in this line there, and after moving to the Inglewood area, he continued the business in this locality.

A keen student and a man of considerable intellect, Mr. Prough completed a law course by correspondence from the LaSalle Extension University and holds the degree of LL.B. He has also taken special courses in law and numerous courses in accountancy and income tax work.

It is interesting to note that during World War I Mr. Prough did his part by making a total of fifteen round trips to Europe as a baker and steward on an Emergency Freight Corporation ship. Refused for Army service on account of the injury he received as a railroad man, he volunteered for this service, and fifteen of his trips to Europe were made during the war and three after the armistice was signed. He had the distinction of being on the second American ship that entered Hamburg harbor after the armistice was signed, and while he was in that city he met his future wife, Miss Emma Siems, a daughter of the Chief of Police of that city, whom he subsequently married on April 28, 1923. Three children have been born to his happy marriage: Alfred, who is in the United States Navy; Alice, who is deceased; and Maryann, who is a student at Jefferson Junior High School.

Mrs. Prough, a Rotary Ann, had the pleasant experience of making a round trip by air to her native Germany in 1948 to visit her mother, who has reached the advanced age of 88.

Mr. Prough belongs to the Inglewood Board of Realtors, and his service club is the Rotary.

Mr. Prough, his wife and daughter, Maryann, now reside at 4321 West Century Boulevard, in their recently completed all electric apartment in the rear of his office.

## **Harold I. Glasoe**

One of the most favorably known public accountants of Inglewood and the Southwest District is Harold I. Glasoe, who is almost equally well known in fraternal and civic affairs as he is in his profession.

A native of Tacoma, Washington, Mr. Glasoe was born May 8, 1905, son of Karl M. and Margrethe (Morkestrand) Glasoe. Both parents were born in Norway.

Mr. Glasoe first went to school in Walla Walla, Washington, but, his family moving to Long Beach, he continued his education there, and is a graduate of Long Beach Polytechnic High School. He next spent two years and a half at the University of Southern California, and currently is taking extension courses to complete work for his A.B. degree. He is presently a registered Public Accountant of the State of California and plans shortly to take the examination for Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Glasoe began his career as a public accountant in Long Beach and while practicing there was an instructor in accounting at the Southern California Military Academy in that city. He subsequently opened offices in Los Angeles, and in 1944 established himself in the Morningside Park section of Inglewood. Being widely known in Los Angeles County, Mr. Glasoe's clients come from a wide area, and he represents numerous important

individuals and corporations in an accounting capacity. His work consists of all branches of accounting, and particularly the preparation of financial and credit statements. He is also known as an expert income tax specialist.

An active member of several professional organizations, Mr. Glasoe belongs to the Society of American Accountants and the National Society of Public Accountants. He is a past president of the Morningside Park Improvement Association and a member of the Propeller Club of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce. His Masonic affiliations consist of Inglewood Lodge No. 421, F. & A. M., Royal Arch, Commandery, Al Malaikah Shrine Temple, and Inglewood Shrine Club. He is junior past secretary of the latter and currently third vice-president. In addition, he is chairman of the advisory board of Inglewood Chapter, Order of De Molay. Mr. Glasoe also belongs to the Inglewood Elks Lodge and the Morningside Park Lions Club. His college fraternity is Alpha Rho Chi.

During the recent war, Mr. Glasoe was supervisor of the Morningside Park zone of air raid wardens, the total personnel of which was about two hundred and fifty.

The former Miss Marie B. McCluskey is now the wife of Mr. Glasoe. She was a native of Caldwell, Idaho. Her affiliations include the Emblem Club of Inglewood, of which she is a former president, the Inglewood Women's Club, and the Eastern Star.

Mr. Glasoe's hobbies are golf and fishing.

### **Russell E. Sheets, D. D. S.**

A leader in his profession and a civic-minded person, Dr. Russell E. Sheets has long been classed as one of the community's most prominent citizens.

Opening offices here in 1925, Dr. Sheets now ranks as the second oldest dentist, in length of practice, in this area. It is noteworthy that patients are attracted to him not only from Inglewood, but frequently from neighboring cities.

The doctor was born at Pulaski, Illinois, on March 26, 1897, the son of Charles G. and Ora I. (Kennedy) Sheets. He went through grammar school in his native state and graduated from Southern Illinois Normal University High School. He then entered Washington University at St. Louis, where he completed his dentistry course in 1924, and then began practice in St. Louis, continuing in that city for one year, and then he came to California.

Some years ago, Dr. and Mrs. Sheets were responsible for valuable publicity for Inglewood on account of the write-ups of their home in the Ladies' Home Journal and in the American Home. During the depth of the depression

they purchased a shabby looking old house, situated on an acre of ground at 217 West Arbor Vitae Street. By skillful remodeling and artistic decoration, the house was converted into an unusually attractive Colonial style structure, made particularly outstanding by the landscaping of the grounds. The achievement was an example of what can be done with an old place when ingenuity and artistic ability are combined. It is noteworthy that improvements and additions are still being made to this property, and only recently Dr. Sheets added an addition for his mother.

In 1940, Dr. Sheets erected his attractive own dental building, conveniently located at 317 East Hillcrest Boulevard. Here he has complete facilities for the practice of his own profession, and offices for two dental associates.

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Dr. Sheets has been very active in the affairs of his profession. In addition to being a member of the American Dental Association, he is a former president, representing the fifth district, of the Los Angeles County Dental Society, and a former vice-president of the county organization, of which he previously had been a director for two years. His dental fraternity is Xi Psi Chi. His service club is the Kiwanis, and he is a Mason, Knight Templar, and a Shriner. He is also affiliated with the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Sheets, whose maiden name was Geraldine Kepford, attended elementary and high schools in this city. She is a graduate of the Iowa State Teachers College and had ten years of experience teaching school. She has long been interested in interior decorating and has studied the subject extensively.

### **James B. Sheets, D. D. S.**

Among Inglewood dentists, James B. Sheets enjoys an enviable reputation, not only for skill in his profession, but also as a public spirited citizen and an upbuilder of the community. He has recently completed the construction of a unique and exceedingly attractive dental building on East Buckthorne Street. This structure, which was completed at a cost of a considerable sum, has received national publicity as exactly fitting the purpose for which it was intended. The exterior of the building is stucco, with a considerable amount of Arizona flagstone in various tints and tones. Steel posts supporting the canopy are painted the same color as the stucco. The reception room is artistically furnished and decorated with pleasing colors. The wallpaper, instead of being hung the regular way, is cut to form a design to lend more interest to the paper and room. The colors of carpets and upholstery material have been selected to make a harmonious ensemble.

In the business vestibule, a complete record of all dental work is maintained and carefully filed in an efficient manner. In this vestibule, two walls are hung with "woodmere" in tones of gray, blue and light yellow. Two other walls are pistachio green. The several operating rooms are equipped with all the very latest dental equipment finished in light ivory porcelain. Each of these rooms is papered and decorated in distinctive colors. The main laboratory is decorated with green walls and a green ceiling, with all the woodwork finished in natural birch, while the other laboratory has "pine frost" green walls and "creole" green ceiling, and this room has natural finished birch wood on doors and cabinets. The several other rooms in the building are all equally artistic. All the furniture in the building was custom built to order, and the various lighting and electrical devices are of the most advanced sort. Heat is of the radiant type.

The building was erected under Dr. Sheets' personal supervision and every detail was carefully thought out before construction was commenced, and it would probably be difficult to find another dental building in the whole United States the equal of this one.

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Dr. James B. Sheets was born in Pulaski, Illinois, on March 21, 1915, son of Charles G. and Ora I. (Kennedy) Sheets. He attended the Sherman School in St. Louis and graduated from Roosevelt School in that city. He was elected to the "Torch," a national honor society. His professional course was taken at the Washington University School of Dentistry on a partial scholarship and completed in 1939. Later, he returned to take post-graduate work in dental surgery.

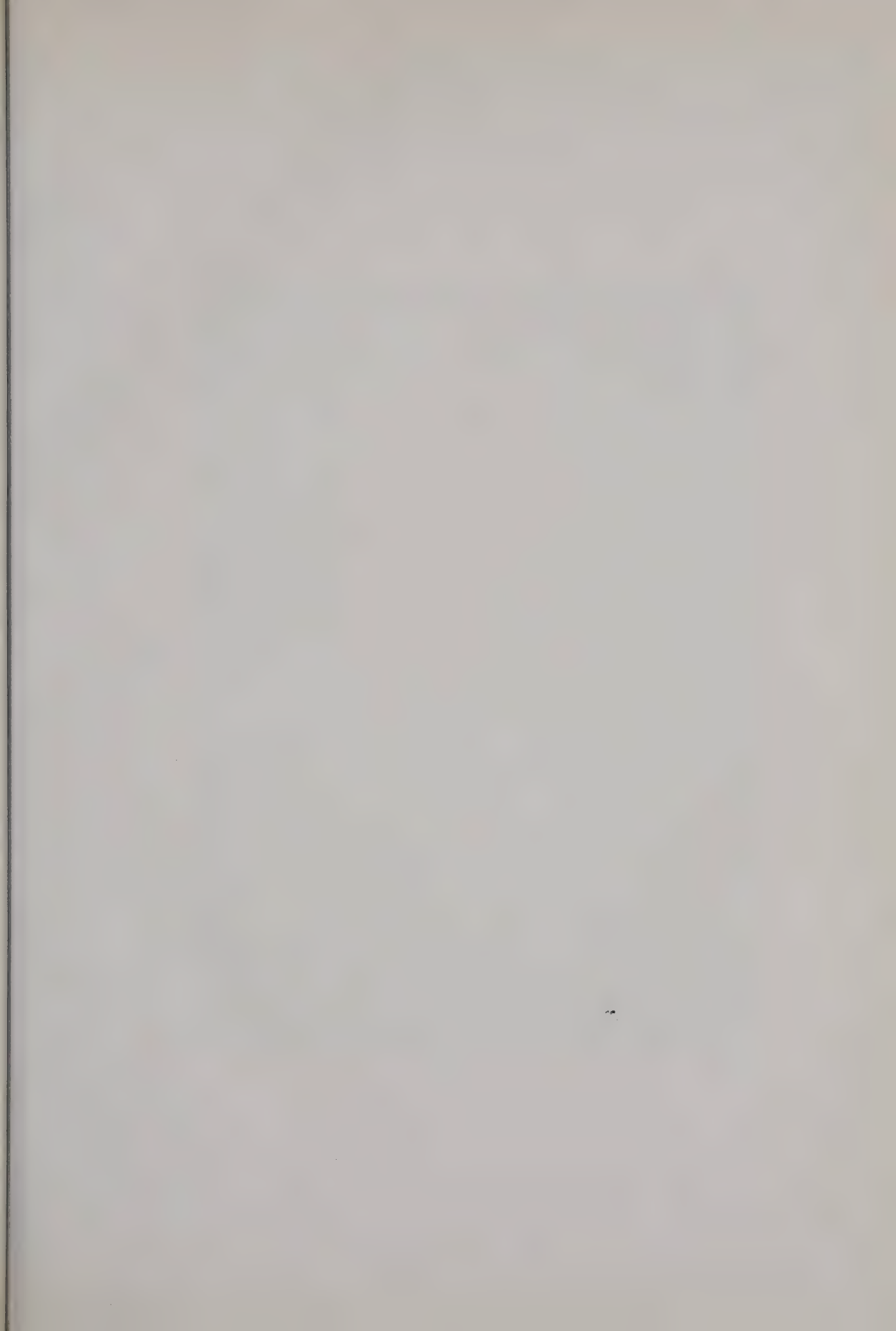
It was in 1939 that Dr. Sheets began practice in Inglewood. He originally shared a dental building with his brother, Dr. Russell E. Sheets, but maintained his own separate practice. Since the completion of his own building in October, 1948, he has practiced at 300 East Buckthorne Street. His practice requires the assistance of an associate dentist, Dr. R. Robert Ross.

Dr. Sheets is a member of the American Dental Association and the Southern California Dental Association and is a board member of the Fifth District Dental Society, and also editor of the Bulletin. His dental fraternity is Xi Psi Phi. Locally, he is a member of the First Methodist Church, and is an active member of the 20-30 Club.

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On February 22, 1941, Miss Muriel A. Taylor and Dr. Sheets were married by the Rev. Ross of the First Methodist Church, Inglewood. They have a daughter, Cherilyn Gail, aged four and one-half.

The doctor plays the organ and piano. Other hobbies are photography and golf. He is editor of the Fifth District Dental Bulletin.





CARL MATSON

## Carl Matson

Among Inglewood citizens, Carl Matson has long been one of the most ardent civic workers in this community, and his name is well and favorably known to hundreds of Inglewood citizens. A resident here for the past forty-five years, he has been closely identified with the growth and development of the city during this entire period, and it is due to a comparatively few such sturdy pioneer citizens that Inglewood has enjoyed such phenomenal growth in recent years.

Carl Matson was born in Sweden on September 14, 1876, and when eighteen years of age came to America alone and located in Kewanee, Illinois. Here he secured a position in a machine shop, starting at the bottom of the ladder and ultimately becoming foreman of the shop.

It was in 1904 that Mr. Matson moved westward to California. After his marriage in Los Angeles, he and his wife came to Inglewood and purchased for \$1,500 two acres of ground on which was a four-room house in what is now Inglewood's best residential district. Here Mr. Matson engaged in buying and selling chickens, which business he carried on for about eight years with considerable success.

He soon organized Matson's Feed Store, which was developed into a most prosperous business and was sold out in 1921 to the Blackies. Mr. Matson then bought a half interest in the business then known as the Inglewood Furniture and Undertaking Company, owned by Messrs. Harry Van Beaver and Arthur Clark. Two two branches of this business were subsequently separated, and Mr. Matson continues with his sons in the sole ownership of what is now known as the Inglewood Furniture Company, no longer having any interest in the funeral directing business. The Inglewood Furniture Company is located at 219 North Market Street and has grown to be one of the largest retail stores of its kind in Los Angeles County, outside of the metropolitan area. Complete lines of all grades of furniture are handled, as well as various types of electrical and gas household appliances. Mr. Matson's sons, Leonard and Floyd, who have been with him in the furniture business for a number of years, are entitled to a large share of credit for the success of this business.

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Carl Matson is one of Inglewood's large real estate owners, and has bought and sold numerous pieces of property and has been fortunate in having participated in the greatly increased value of local real estate. He has also been a builder, having erected a number of structures, including the Ritz Theater, which was originally owned by him and Mr. Harry Van Beaver.

Affiliated with many of the most worthwhile organizations of the city, Mr. Matson is an old-time member of the Chamber of Commerce, a member

of the Rotary Club and such fraternal organizations as the Masons, Elks, Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. He served as a director of the old First National Bank of Inglewood, and is on the advisory board of the Inglewood Branch of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, and he is also a director of the People's Building and Loan Association. One of his greatest interests in life has been in his church. He holds the unique record of having been a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church continuously for thirty-five years.

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The former Miss Hilma Lindburg became the wife of Mr. Matson. In addition to the sons, Leonard and Floyd, they have another son, Dr. Carlin Matson, who is a well-known dentist of Inglewood, and a daughter, Helen, the wife of Mr. Thomas Seeley, of Glendale.

Mrs. Matson is active in women's affairs in Inglewood, being affiliated with the local P.E.O. Chapter, and the Eastern Star, and she also takes an interested part in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church.

### **Carlin Matson, D. D. S.**

Dr. Carlin Matson, who comes from an old and prominent Inglewood family, is a native son of this community, born May 2, 1912, his parents being Carl and Hilma (Lindburg) Matson. For many years his father has occupied a foremost position in business and civic circles of Inglewood.

The future dentist attended elementary and high school in Inglewood, and for five years, 1934-1939, he was associated with his father and brothers in the management of the Inglewood Furniture Company. He then decided to take a dental course which he completed at the University of Southern California in 1943. Immediately after his graduation he was commissioned Lieutenant in the Dental Corps of the United States Navy and was on active service for about two years, over a year of this time being stationed on the Island of Guam.

Dr. Matson began his dental practice in Inglewood in 1946 and is associated with Dr. C. A. Forbes. In the course of a very short time he has become widely and favorably known in his profession both with his colleagues and patients alike. He belongs to the American Dental Association and affiliated organizations. His church is the Presbyterian, and his college fraternity Phi Kappa Tau.

He married the former Miss Ruth Katerndahl, daughter of Carl E. Katern-dahl, who was a teacher at the Inglewood High School for a number of years. Dr. and Mrs. Matson have one daughter, Wendy Ann.

## George C. Malloy

One of Inglewood's best known and most substantial citizens and an old-time resident of this community is George C. Malloy, who came here in 1913 and has been active in the drug business almost continuously since that time.

A native of New Hampton, Iowa, he was born September 12, 1882, son of James and Mary (Mountain) Malloy. He received his elementary and high school education in his native town and then took a course in pharmacy at the Highland Park College in Iowa. He worked in drug stores in Iowa until 1907, when he came to California and was employed here in the old Phillips Drug Store in Venice for a time, and after two or three other connections he came to Inglewood. He soon purchased a drug store on what was then known as Commercial Street (now La Brea), known as the Inglewood Pharmacy. Ultimately Clinton H. Spaulding, who was working for him, became his partner. They later operated several other drug stores, including Clint's Pharmacy at the corner of Market and Regent Streets and one known as the Rexall Store at 133 North La Brea and Malloy's Pharmacy on the corner of Market and Queen Streets, where the Owl store is now located.

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After disposing of their drug stores, Messrs. Malloy and Spaulding took over the management of the Potrero Country Club, continuing for two years. Mr. Malloy was then employed in a prescription store in Los Angeles for a time.

In 1947, Messrs. Malloy and Spaulding opened an exclusive prescription pharmacy at 320 East Hillcrest in a building owned by Mr. Spaulding. Although only in existence two years, an exceptionally large business is being enjoyed by the new establishment.

During the course of his years of activity in Inglewood, Mr. Malloy has had various important real estate interests. In 1923 he and Mr. Spaulding erected what was then known as the Inglewood Theater Building and they still own the property on which the new structure has been erected.

Mr. Malloy has been active in civic affairs, being a past president of both the Chamber of Commerce and of the Inglewood Rotary Club, and currently he is chairman of the Historical Committee of the former organization. For several terms he served on the Elementary School Board. His fraternal affiliations are with the Elks.

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He married Miss Gladys Dent in Ocean Park and they have two children: Marjorie, the wife of Charles Russell, and George C., who is a professional musician.

Fishing and hunting are Mr. Malloy's favorite sports.

## **Clair D. Spaulding**

Clair D. Spaulding, native of Fairmont, North Dakota, born on the 6th day of February, 1897, comes from an old and prominent Inglewood family. His father, Edgar W. Spaulding, came here in the early days and was active as a contractor, builder and real estate man, and it is interesting to note that he once brought a colony of settlers from North Dakota to Inglewood. For a number of years he managed the Inglewood branch of the Ganahl Lumber Company.

Clair Spaulding went to grammar and high school in this city, and took a course in pharmacy at the University of Southern California. Soon after leaving college, he started work in the Inglewood Pharmacy, then owned by his brother, Clinton, and George C. Malloy. In 1922 he purchased the business from them, and changing the name to the Spaulding Drug Company, he operated the business successfully until 1946, and since this time he has devoted his time to the care of his extensive real estate and other personal interests.

Mr. Spaulding served in the Medical Corps of the United States Army during World War I. He was first stationed at Camp Kearney in San Diego County, and spent about one year in France with the Base Hospital at Savenay. He is a member of the American Legion, and fraternally, is a Mason. For a number of years Mr. Spaulding has been a director of the Inglewood Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Mr. Spaulding married Miss Lorene Ferrell, a native of Ohio, and a graduate of Inglewood High School. She passed away in March, 1947, leaving two sons: Leland, a graduate of Inglewood High School, who was a radio technician in the Navy during World War II, and is now taking an electrical engineering course at the University of Southern California; and Donald, the younger son, a Gunner in the United States Army Air Force during the recent war, and was in active service four and one-half years.

## **M. F. Chapman**

M. F. Chapman, who established the first chinchilla farm in the world in the Centinela Valley, was born at Grants Pass, Oregon, in 1882, and died in 1943, and was a mining engineer before he went into the raising of chinchillas. While his education and business experience had been primarily in the field of geology and mining, his hobby was zoology, and for many years he had surrounded himself with pets—almost any sort of a creature he could catch and train in the vicinity of mining camps where his profession took him.



CLAIR D. SPAULDING





M. F. CHAPMAN



While engaged in the mining business in Chile, Mr. Chapman heard about chinchillas which were at one time abundant in certain parts of South America. By 1915, the animal had been hunted and trapped almost to the verge of extermination, and it was not until 1919 that Mr. Chapman even saw one of the animals. Then one day an Indian rode into the camp of the Anaconda Copper Company at Puertrerillos, carrying a little chinchilla in a can. The animal had been in the can for seventeen days and he had practically no food and probably little water. From this he assumed that the chinchilla was a hardy animal and that it would thrive in captivity under proper care. After acquiring this one chinchilla, Mr. Chapman conceived the idea of saving the species from extinction, and possibly re-establishing the defunct industry by domestic production. He therefore sent out a group of Indians to comb the Andes for additional animals. After several years he finally acquired eleven of them. With great difficulty, Mr. Chapman ultimately obtained permission to take the eleven chinchillas out of the country, and through a clever subterfuge he overcame the rules of a Japanese sea captain not allowing the transport of pets. He succeeded in bringing the animals to Los Angeles harbor. Arriving here in February, 1923, the animals were already beginning to put on heavy coats in preparation for the cold Andean winter, and by May they were dressed for sub-zero temperatures, although the warm Southern California spring had already set in, and they became languid and sickly.

Mr. Chapman first located at 1629 West 84th Street, Los Angeles, with his chinchillas, but in 1925 moved to Lennox, and established the nucleus of his great farm at 4957 West 104th Street, where it still remains. This farm, which is devoted exclusively to the propagation of the animals, occupies several acres. Their care and maintenance is a flexible item, but the most is not burdensome. One feature of the farm is a well equipped experimental laboratory where chinchillas of both sexes, old and young, are brought for observation and with which searching tests are constantly being made.

After the death of M. F. Chapman, his son, Reginald E. Chapman who had been identified with the industry from its inception, took charge of the farm, and during the past 15 years under his supervision, the number of animals has greatly increased, and the business has become widely known throughout the United States.

## **G. J. Leftwich**

G. J. Leftwich, building superintendent of Inglewood, has the unparalleled record of having held this important office for 22 years, and is, therefore, one of the oldest city officials, in length of service. He comes from a prominent

pioneer family of this city, and he has resided here for over fifty years. Of the nearly 50,000 people who make up the present-day population of Inglewood, it is doubtful if there are more than a dozen or two who have lived here as long as Mr. Leftwich.

A native of St. Paul, Nebraska, Mr. Leftwich was born November 1, 1884, son of George Washington and Addie J. Leftwich. His father passed away in 1945, having reached the great age of ninety- six, having been one of the few Civil War veterans left in Southern California at the time of his death. He served in the Iowa Volunteers during the conflict between the states, and prior to moving to California was a millwright in Iowa and Nebraska, and erected many flour mills in the Middle West. He worked in Jim Hansen's blacksmith shop in Inglewood for a number of years, and he was street superintendent of Inglewood at one time.

G. J. Leftwich went to school as a young boy in Nebraska and completed his schooling in Inglewood. With the exception of some seven years when he was a traveling salesman, Mr. Leftwich engaged in the building business on his own account prior to joining the city government, and he has in the past erected a considerable number of houses in Inglewood.

Mr. Leftwich's World War I record is particularly creditable, as he served for nearly two years and a half in the Ordnance Department of the United States Army, most of which time was in France. He enlisted as a private and rose to the rank of first lieutenant. While in France he was attached to the 34th Division.

Miss Marie Freitag, formerly of Racine, Wisconsin, became the wife of Mr. Leftwich. They have one son, Kenneth, who was educated in Inglewood, being a graduate of the local high school, and is now with the Standard Oil Company.

Mr. Leftwich's favorite hobbies are woodworking and fishing. He has made many fine pieces of furniture for himself and his friends in his own shop.

## **Grace Greer**

Very prominent in real estate circles of Morningside Park for the past decade, Mrs. Grace Greer has the unique distinction of being the oldest business person, in length of service, in any line in this section of Inglewood. Originally joining the Morningside Park branch of the Sentinel Real Estate Company in 1937, she entered the real estate and insurance business for herself a year later and has since continued, and is one of the really substantial and progressive members of this profession.



GRACE GREER



Mrs. Greer was born on a cattle ranch in Larimer County, Colorado, daughter of the late August and Abbie (Bass) Pache. Her father was a pioneer cattle man in Colorado and had a 3,000-acre ranch in that state. He passed away as a young man in 1904, but her mother came to live in Inglewood and passed away in this city in 1929.

Mrs. Greer was educated in the schools of Greeley, Colorado, and came to California in 1919. For the following three years she engaged successfully in buying and selling apartment house leases in Los Angeles. The following year she and her husband, William E. Greer, moved to Inglewood, Mr. Greer is retired, having been a government employee for thirty-six years.

Mrs. Greer is a member of the California Real Estate Association, and a past chairman of the Women's Division of the organization. In 1948 she was made an honorary state director for life in appreciation of her work as chairman of the Woman's Division. She belongs to the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles Board of Realtors and is a charter member of the Inglewood Soroptomist Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Greer have one son, William E., who has a splendid record of service in World War II. Commissioned in the Navy, he was in command of his L.S.T. when only twenty-two years of age. Originally commissioned Ensign, he was ultimately promoted to Lieutenant. He is currently engaged in the building business in Los Angeles.

### **Carl P. Sheddan**

For many years, Carl P. Sheddan has occupied a foremost position in real estate circles, not only of Inglewood, but of the entire state. A resident and active participant in the business life of this community for over a generation, Mr. Sheddan has seen Inglewood grow from a population of five thousand to nearly fifty thousand, and he is one of those largely responsible for the phenomenal growth and development of the city. He has been a member of Inglewood Planning Commission for many years.

Mr. Sheddan was born in Crawford County Illinois, on April 14, 1877, the son of Charles McClung and Martha Adeline Sheddan. His father was a real estate man in Illinois and was Justice of the Peace at the town of Robinson for sixteen years. Both parents came to California about thirty-five years ago. The mother passed away in 1927, but the father lived to an advanced age, making his home with his son.

After completing his grammar and high school education in Robinson, Illinois, Carl Sheddan followed the real estate business for about five years in this same town. In 1902 he came to California, and a week after reaching Los

Angeles was given an important position with the Empire Laundry, continuing in this business for six years, when he joined the well-known old grocery store of H. Jevne and Company, with which he also remained for six years. He then came to Inglewood and entered the real estate business, in which line he has continued ever since. This was in 1917, and Mr. Sheddan is, therefore, one of the oldest in length of service engaging in this occupation here.

As an indication of Mr. Sheddan's great faith in the future of the city, he has invested very extensively in Inglewood real estate, and all through the depression he purchased one or more pieces of property each year, and he has the proud record over a period of many years of having met every obligation, real estate or other, exactly when due. A charter member of the Inglewood Real Estate Board (now the Inglewood Board of Realtors), Mr. Sheddan was president of this body for four terms and is now Honorary President for life. He has been signally honored by the California Real Estate Association by the award of a certificate of merit for extraordinary service to the real estate business and he has also been made Honorary President for life of that body. He has been vice-president of the Sixteenth District of this state-wide organization. In 1937, he made the welcome response at the State Convention held in San Jose.

In addition to his real estate and other activities, Mr. Sheddan has had some experience in political life. When only twenty-one years old, he was appointed town clerk of Robinson, Illinois, and he served as a member of the Inglewood City Council in 1921. As a proof of his civic mindedness, some years ago he donated a cup to the City of Inglewood to be awarded annually to the district which cast the largest vote in each municipal election.

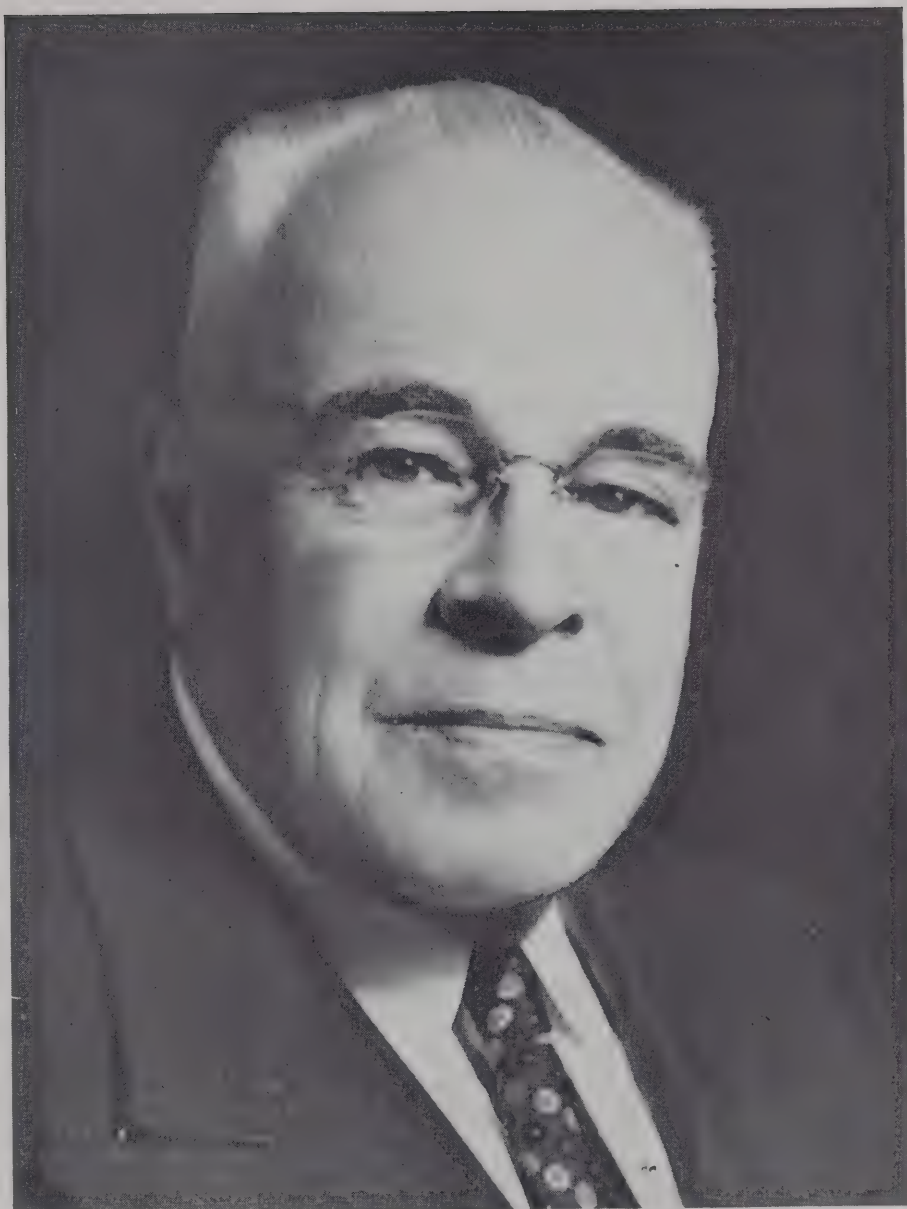
Carl Sheddan has been particularly active in the Modern Woodmen of America, and he has held all the offices in the camps of this organization at Robinson, Illinois; Vernon, California, and Inglewood, being Venerable Consul of the Inglewood lodge now. He has been a member of the order fifty years.

Miss Lucy Cawood became Mr. Sheddan's wife at Robinson, Illinois, on December 27, 1897. She is now deceased. Mr. Sheddan has one son, Carl P., Jr.

### **J. F. Garrison, D. D. S., M. D.**

The dean of the medical profession in Inglewood is Dr. J. F. Garrison, who practiced in this city continuously from 1919 until his retirement in 1947.

Dr. Garrison was born at Kasson, Minnesota, on February 20, 1877, the son of Dr. George W. and Emma Van Anden (Hoyt) Garrison. The father was a practicing dentist for many years in Minnesota, and was desirous of having his son follow the same profession, so J. F. Garrison took a course in dentistry



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at the University of Minnesota, and received his degree of D.D.S. before he was twenty-one years old. For a period of four years he practiced with his father, and during this time he began the study of medicine, and ultimately graduated with the degree of M.D. at the University of Minnesota. He interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital at Wabasha, Minnesota, and then commenced practice in this town, continuing for one year. He next went to Oldham, South Dakota, and practiced there until the outbreak of World War I, when he entered the Medical Corps of the United States Army and was commissioned Captain. He spent about a year and a half in the service, and was stationed at a number of different posts in the United States. At the conclusion of his military service he came to Inglewood.

Dr. Garrison was the first chief of staff of the Centinela Valley Hospital. He belongs to the various medical associations, and his medical fraternity is Alpha Kappa Kappa. His service club is the Lions and he is affiliated with all the Masonic bodies, including the Shrine, and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Elks Lodge.

Dr. Garrison married Miss May Julia Nelson in Minnesota. They have two daughters: Dorothy Grace, the wife of Howard Bush, Exalted Ruler of Inglewood Elks Lodge, and Mary Elizabeth, the wife of Charles Hugh Kenyon of Los Angeles. There is one grandchild, Jimmie Bush.

The doctor finds his chief diversion in cactus culture at his home in Inglewood and at his ranch in El Mirage Valley.

Mrs. Garrison has been active in the Inglewood Women's Club, P. E. O. (past president of AZ Chapter), and in the Leonas, and a particular interest of hers is the preserving of the beautiful trees along Inglewood streets.

### **L. J. Barnes, M. D.**

Despite the fact that Dr. L. J. Barnes has been in Inglewood less than three years, he enjoys an exceedingly large and growing practice as an eye, nose and throat specialist. Dr. Barnes is a native of Pocatello, Idaho, born April 4, 1911, son of LeRoy and Mary (Hughes) Barnes. He graduated from the University of Utah in 1932 and from the Rush Medical College of the University of Chicago in 1936, with the degree of M.D. He interned at the Municipal Contagious Disease Hospital in Chicago and also at the French Hospital in San Francisco. He was subsequently a resident in otolaryngology at the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia. He began his private practice in Germantown, Pennsylvania, but after a short time there he was commissioned Commander in the Medical Corps of the United States Navy and was on active service until

1946. He was on duty aboard the U. S. S. Missouri at the time of the signing of the Peace Treaty with Japan.

Following his separation from the Service, he returned to Germantown and was associated in the practice of eye, ear, nose and throat work with Dr. Horace J. Williams until coming to Inglewood the following year.

Dr. Barnes is a member of the American Medical Association and affiliated bodies, and he is Certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology.

There are three children in the Barnes family: Betsy, John and David.

Dr. Barnes' service club is the Rotary.

## **J. Warren Lane**

The late J. Warren Lane was one of Inglewood's most outstanding pioneer citizens, and during his long career in this city he was identified with almost every important community development, and his memory will long be cherished by his hundreds of friends and admirers in this part of the state.

Mr. Lane was born in Philadelphia and was the son of Thomas and Polly Ann Lane. He was educated in his native city and made a visit to California in 1896. He subsequently studied the fig industry in Fresno under George Roeding, father of the industry in that section. There he was married on December 9, 1907, to Miss Dora Gibbs, who survives him. They literally came to Inglewood on their honeymoon, and they continued to make this city their home from 1907 until Mr. Lane passed away on December 10, 1940. Mrs. Lane still resides in Inglewood.

Having become a skilled horticulturist and nurseryman, Mr. Lane early became acquainted with Harry Lee Martin and Daniel Freeman, the latter the founder of Inglewood. The Freeman interests and Mr. Martin were at that time owners and operators of the Inglewood Water Company, and were also co-owners of a large nursery and greenhouse, located at the present site of Redondo Boulevard and La Brea Avenue. Mr. Lane undertook the work of disposal of this nursery stock to the best advantage. This accomplished, he became manager of the Inglewood Water Company under new ownership and the system was built up from a small group of consumers to many hundreds under his capable supervision.

It was through his earnest efforts that from the artesian wells in Centinela Park there was developed the best water supply on the western coast. This project was bought by the city of Inglewood, which has been developed into the city's greatest asset.

Beautiful Centinela Park will always remain a monument to Warren Lane, as it was through his efforts of planning and development that the people of

Inglewood and of surrounding communities have such a delightful spot in which to enjoy recreation.

After the sale of the water company to the city of Inglewood, Mr. Lane continued in the water office, carrying on the company's business not taken over by the city. This business was finally consummated. He then engaged in job printing, which business he carried on for some time. After disposing of that business, he took up his hobby of photography. Freely he gave of his knowledge to others. Up to the time of his death he conducted a camera supply store on North La Brea Avenue.

To Mr. Lane is accredited the Centinela Days, and Inglewood Historical Society, for he was the founder of both activities. For his loyal civic services he was the first one to receive the American Legion Civic-service award, presented each year to the one who during the past year has rendered the greatest civic service without remuneration. For years he served as secretary of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, and during the lean years of the depression he carried on the Chamber, donating his services for the work. He also served as its president from 1931-33. As a tribute to his work with the city, the street Warren Lane was named in his honor, as was the Warren Lane School.

He was one of the first members of Inglewood Rotary Club, and served as its secretary for many years.

He was always interested in new enterprises in the city, and when the publisher of the Inglewood Shopping News, Norman W. Garrison, who was a close friend of Mr. Lane, decided to combine a newspaper with the shopper, in a friendly conference about its name, the name of "The Citizen" was proposed by Mr. Lane. Since its first publication, Mr. Lane was one of the staunch supporters of the paper. Faithfully each week he wrote the column, "Hobby Lane," in which he gave the community many interesting facts about Inglewood, which he drew from his great store of knowledge.

Throughout the years of unselfish work to the community and to his many friends, he sought no praise, but quietly passed among all during his daily living, and as quietly he passed away.

### **George Estep Webster, M. D.**

A prominent member of the medical profession in Inglewood is Dr. George Estep Webster, who began practice here in 1941 and has continued ever since except for his period of service during World War II. A native of Creston, Iowa, Dr. Webster was born October 15, 1909, the son of George L. and Henrietta (Estep) Webster. His father is a retired mining company accountant and is now living with his wife in Glendale. The future doctor received his

early education in New Mexico, having attended the New Mexico Military Institute. His academic course was taken at Stanford University and he graduated there in 1931 with the degree of A.B. Medical training followed at the same institution and on the completion of his internship at the San Francisco City and County Hospital, he was awarded his degree of M.D. This was in 1937, and he immediately began practice in Santa Rosa, California, where he continued for two years. He then came to Inglewood and was associated from the beginning with Dr. J. F. Garrison. Dr. Webster volunteered for service in 1942 and was commissioned Captain in the Medical Corps of the Army Air Service. He spent about two years overseas in the South Pacific and for a time was in Japan and was classed as a Flight Surgeon in the 49th Fighter Group. Also for about two years he was stationed at various hospitals in the United States.

Following the completion of his service in the war in 1946, Dr. Webster returned to Inglewood and became a member of the Medical Group consisting of Drs. J. Clough and Karl Frudenberg, and Louis L. Huff. While he conducts a general practice, he devotes himself principally to internal medicine. He is a member of the American, California and Los Angeles County Medical Associations, and locally is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Webster's wife was the former Miss Marion Terwilliger, who is also a medical doctor and was a classmate at Stanford. Dr. and Mrs. Webster have one daughter, Judith, who is seven years old.

Dr. Webster's favorite avocation is gardening.

## **Jack D. Todd**

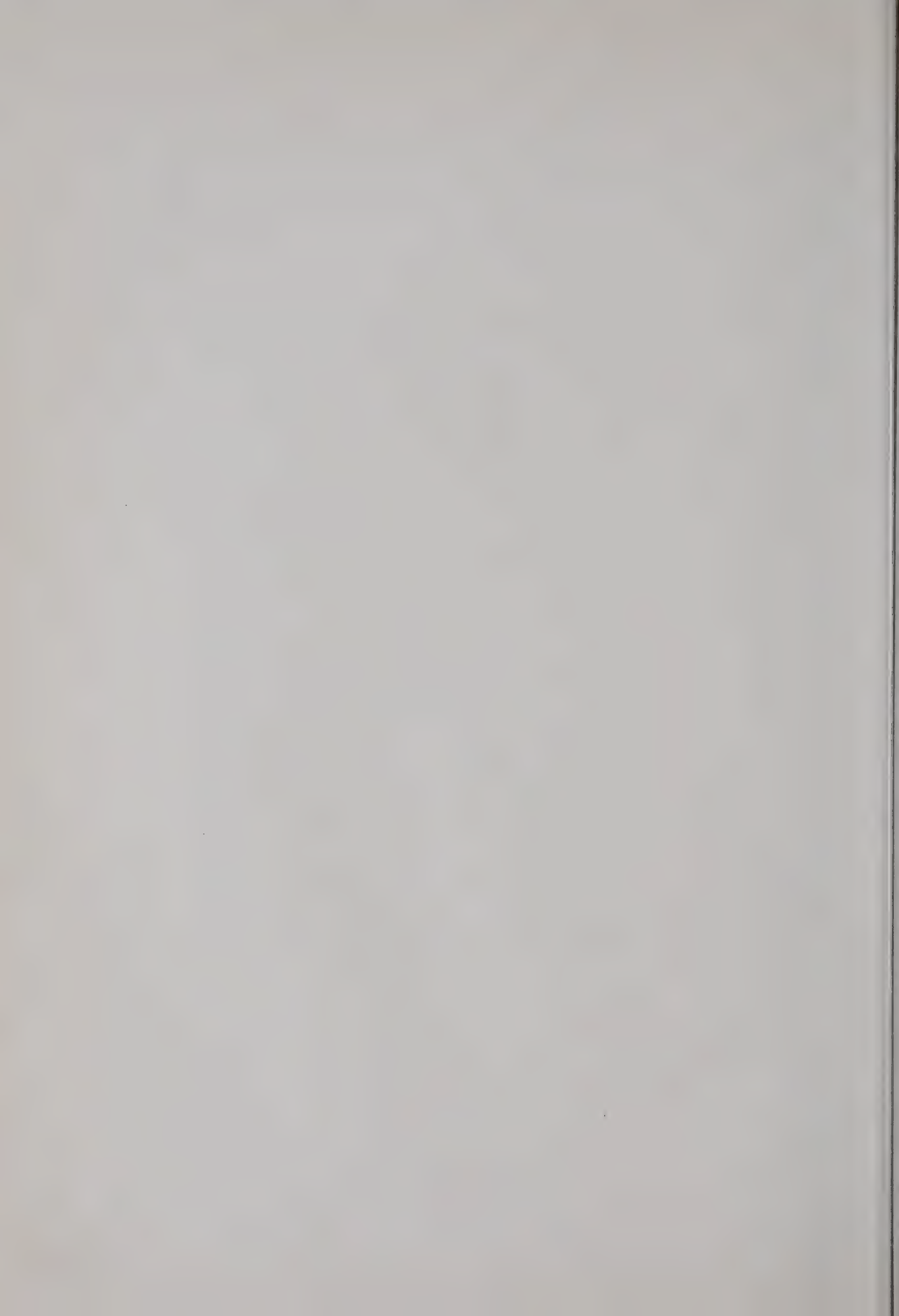
The late Jack D. Todd, founder of Morningside Plumbers, the oldest and largest plumbing establishment in the Morningside Park district of Inglewood, was one of the community's most highly respected and able businessmen. In the remarkably short period of nine years, he built up an excellent business, and enjoyed a reputation for integrity and competence. Since his passing, his widow has ably conducted his business.

A native of St. Joseph, Missouri, Mr. Todd was born September 28, 1904, and passed away in Inglewood on January 16, 1947. He was the son of Matthew A. and Mildred Todd. He attended school in Detroit, and coming to California in 1925 as a young man, he engaged in the plumbing business in Los Angeles. He subsequently was employed by plumbing firms in Inglewood, and in 1939 he started his own business in Morningside Park.

During the course of the recent war, Mr. Todd's firm handled a number of large and important government contracts, including the plumbing at such bases as the Army Base at Palmdale, the Air Base at Muroc, and work at Victor-



JACK D. TODD



ville. The firm also handled numerous housing units, both in this area and in other parts of the state.

Mr. Todd was active in civic affairs and was always willing to do his part in furthering community development. He was a charter member of the Morningside Park Lions Club and was a prominent Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Inglewood Elks Lodge. In line with his business, he belonged to the Master Plumbers Association.

Mrs. Todd was formerly Miss Louise Sherrard. She was born and educated in Little Rock, Arkansas, and married Mr. Todd at Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1940.

Mr. Todd's memory will long be cherished by his friends and customers in this part of the state. He was a man who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, and he aided in a material way in the upbuilding of Inglewood, and can properly be characterized as one of this community's most worthwhile citizens.

### **Darrell D. Mitchell**

As owner and operator of the Inglewood Flower Shop since 1938, Darrel D. Mitchell conducts the oldest floral business in Inglewood, established in 1910, which is located at 117 South La Brea.

Under Mr. Mitchell's able management, the Inglewood Flower Shop enjoys a large and growing patronage, customers coming not only from this city but also from the surrounding territory. Flowers are supplied for all occasions, and a specialty is made of wedding bouquets, cemetery bouquets, funeral designs, and for all other occasions where attractive displays of flowers are desired. The business is a member of the Florist Telegraph Delivery Association, the organization which makes it possible for flowers to be telegraphed anywhere in the world.

A native of Anderson, Indiana, Mr. Mitchell was born May 22, 1912, son of Ray and Blanche (Decker) Mitchell. The family moving to California and locating in Ontario when Darrel Mitchell was still of school age, he continued his education at Chaffey Union High School and at Chaffey Junior College in Ontario. As a young man, he entered the U.S. Forest Service and spent three years in this work, having been stationed in the San Jacinto Mountains most of this time.

Prominent in civic affairs, Mr. Mitchell was formerly secretary-treasurer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and is now affiliated with the senior body. His service club is the Kiwanis.

He married the former Miss Margaret Kennedy, of Ontario, and they have one daughter, Marilyn.

Fishing is Mr. Mitchell's favorite sport.

## Gerald F. Sparling

The late Gerald F. Sparling, Buick dealer of Inglewood, came to this city in 1916. He was engaged in the automobile business here from then until the end of his life, and enjoyed a reputation as one of the city's most dependable and loyal citizens. He was never called upon to aid in civic welfare but that he responded with willingness and a smile. Mr. Sparling originally handled the Willys-Knight and Overland lines in this city; later he had the Oldsmobile dealership; then the Chevrolet; next the Hudson line, which he handled together with the Buick for a few years. Ultimately discontinuing the Hudson line, he concentrated his efforts on the Buick for about the last twelve years of his life, and the Sparling Buick Company of Inglewood has long been known as one of the outstanding automobile agencies of Southern California. This business is now being capably continued by Mrs. Sparling and her two sons.

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Gerald F. Sparling was born in Port Huron, Michigan, on January 8, 1893, son of Harvey and Edith (Freeman) Sparling. He came to California with his parents in 1898, and was a student in the public schools of Los Angeles and graduated from Hollywood High School.

As a youth, prior to coming to Inglewood, Mr. Sparling worked for his brother, R. W. Sparling, who conducts a water meter manufacturing business in Los Angeles. It is interesting to note that all pumps of the Inglewood water department are Sparling main line meters and were manufactured by Mr. Sparling's brother.

Maurice C. Sparling, another brother, was a captain in the Naval Reserve during the war and chief of staff of the 11th Naval District. He is now Commander of the 1st Brigade of the U. S. A. Naval Reserve and is also State Superintendent of Banks for the state of California.

Notwithstanding the effort which he exerted in building up and conducting his own business, Mr. Sparling found time to take an active interest in a number of organizations. He was a long-time member of the local Lions Club of Inglewood and its president during 1928-1929. He belonged to the Inglewood Elks Lodge, the Masons, Shriners, Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, and the Motor Car Dealers Association.

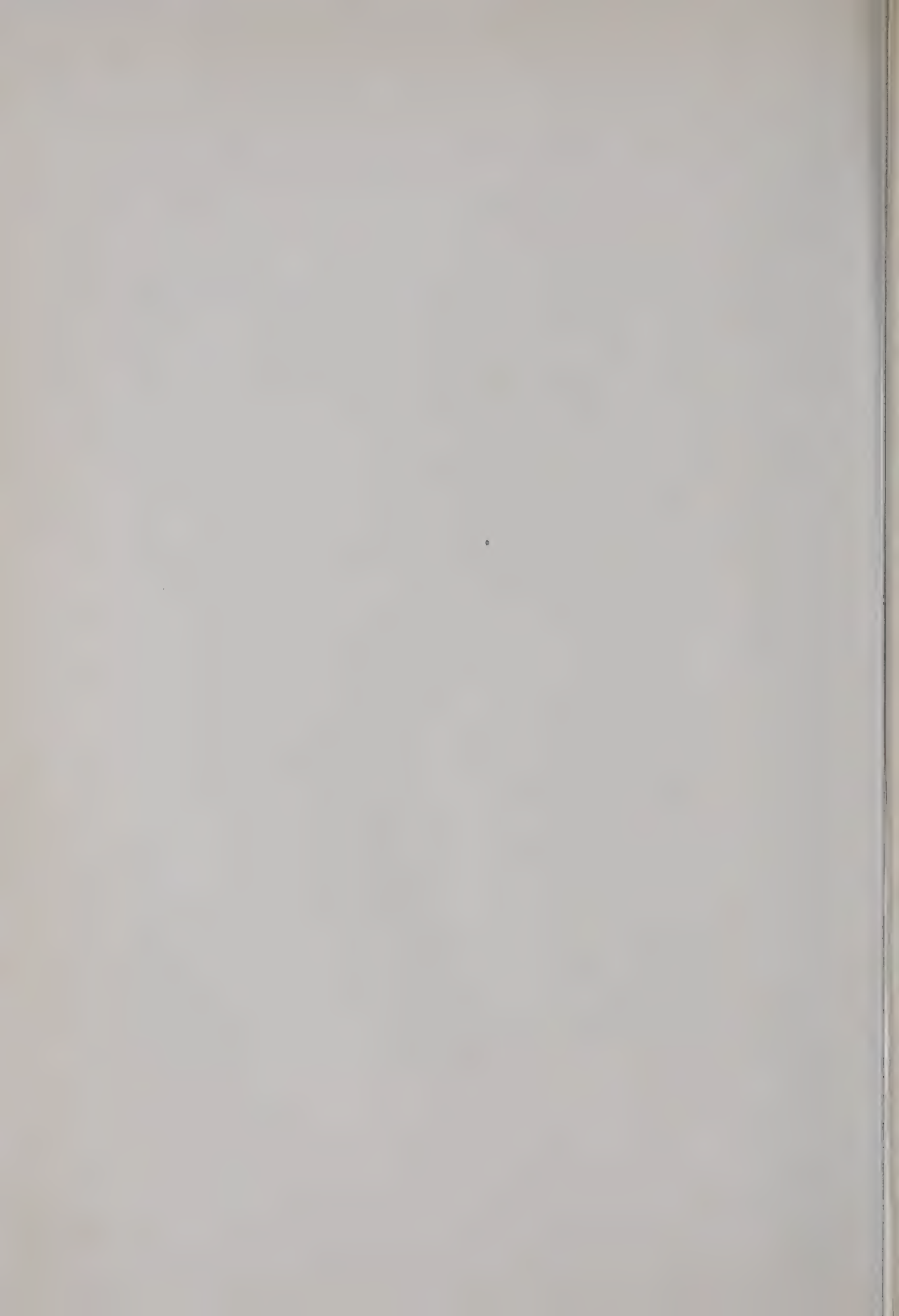
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In 1917 Mr. Sparling married Miss Ruth Suman of Hollywood, who survives him with her two sons, Gerald S. Sparling (Jerry) and John R. Sparling.

Jerry's education was completed at Stanford where he received his engineering degree. He participated in athletics at the University and belonged to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. In 1942 he married Miss Anne Townsend of Arcadia,



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California, who was also a graduate of Stanford, and they have one son, Jeffrey, one year old. Anne had the distinction of being vice-president of the student body at Stanford during her senior year. She was also a counselor at Stevens College before her marriage.

Jerry is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Masons, and Shrine. He became president of the Sparling Buick Corporation upon the death of his father.

John Sparling had completed two years of engineering at the University of Southern California and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity when he enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps and became a navigator on a B-29. He was stationed at Saipan during the war and made twelve missions over Japan.

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In 1944 John married Miss Aileen Smith who was attending Pomona College at the time, thus culminating a romance of seven years. Aileen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith of North Hollywood who have been friends of the Sparling family for many years. John is a member of the local Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce; he is an Elk, a Mason, and a Shriner. John and Aileen have two young daughters, Lee and Christine.

In connection with the family history, it is interesting to note that Mrs. Sparling's brother, John Robert Suman, is a vice president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, and one of the nationally known oil men of the country.

Gerald F. Sparling found his recreation in travel, golf, and at his beach home in Carlsbad, California, which is still owned by Mrs. Sparling.

An unusually capable business man, an affectionate father, and a civic-minded individual, Mr. Sparling's memory will long be highly revered by all who knew him. His passing at such a comparatively early age was a distinct loss to the community.

## **Alfred E. Chamberlain**

Alfred E. Chamberlain has long been regarded as one of Inglewood's prominent citizens. Coming to this city to retire in 1923, he soon began to take an active interest in community affairs, and in various ways he has aided in the progress and growth of this city.

Mr. Chamberlain is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Ezra B. and Fannie B. Chamberlain. Both parents were originally from Connecticut, and his father was a manufacturer and had large oil and other important interests. Left an orphan at the age of nine, Mr. Chamberlain was brought up by his grandmother in Battle Creek, Michigan, where he received his early schooling.

He subsequently attended Washburn College in Topeka, Kansas, where he was a member of the institution's first football team, which was never defeated.

Mr. Chamberlain's first real job was with the Santa Fe Railroad at Topeka. He later engaged in the wholesale grocery business, and for a number of years was with the firm of Carson, Pirie, Scott in Chicago. For fifteen years he was in the advertising business in a big way. He represented newspapers all over the United States and maintained his offices in Chicago, and for a time in New York City. He served four years as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. He was president of the Newspaper Representatives' Association and also served two terms as president of the Chicago Advertising Association. During his term of office a sixteen-story building was erected by the association; the first advertising of church services in newspapers was inaugurated, and the first Better Business Bureau established.

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Mr. Chamberlain has made his home in Inglewood for the past twenty-six years. He has been a most worthwhile citizen of this community, and has devoted himself unselfishly to civic development. For two years, he was president of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, and he also was president of the Manchester Boulevard Association, which was instrumental in having this highway paved to the ocean.

Long interested in music, he organized and conducted a male chorus in Chicago with a personnel of thirty-eight. Later in New York City he organized and conducted a male chorus of fifty. It was not unnatural, therefore, that Mr. Chamberlain should have continued his musical interests in Inglewood and he became the principal figure in the organization of the Inglewood Pageant. The pageant was intended as a cultural movement for the city, and the original idea was a high-class affair, distinctive and different than that held elsewhere. He wrote practically all the lyrics and words, as well as much of the music for the original production.

In 1930 Mr. Chamberlain was honored with the civic award as the person who had rendered the most unselfish service during the previous year.

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Mrs. Chamberlain was formerly Miss Katherine Pownall, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George S. Pownall, Inglewood pioneers. The family came here in 1906 and, prior to her marriage, Mrs. Chamberlain taught school for a number of years in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain are members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Inglewood, of which Mr. Chamberlain has served as First Reader.

The favorite outdoor sport of Mr. Chamberlain has been fishing.

## Maude Dean Fenwick

A highly rated member of the real estate profession in the Inglewood area is Mrs. Maude Dean Fenwick, whose place of business is the Fenwick Realty, which occupies one unit of its own building at 3211 West Imperial Highway.

Born on a ranch near what is now Elk City, in what was then Indian Territory and now is the State of Oklahoma, on October 12, 1903, she is the daughter of James C. and Mary L. Dean. Her father is a retired rancher and still is living near Elk City.

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Mrs. Fenwick attended various elementary schools and graduated from high school in Clinton, Oklahoma. For a period of fifteen years she was with the Bell telephone company, literally from coast to coast, having served as local operator, chief operator and supervisor. Her last post was in Bakersfield, and she left there in July, 1942, when she joined Basic Magnesium, Inc., as evening chief operator near Las Vegas, Nevada, continuing there for twenty-seven months while her husband, Courtney S. Fenwick, was in the Army.

It was in October, 1944, that Mrs. Fenwick entered the real estate business as a salesman in the Crenshaw-Imperial business center, the rapidly growing area to the southeast of the center of Inglewood. She started in business for herself in January, 1947, at 3728 Imperial Highway, and about a year ago moved into the new building at 3211 Imperial Highway. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Fenwick has associated with her a sister, Mrs. Ivy Dean Smith.

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The Fenwick Realty, under Mrs. Fenwick's capable management, has enjoyed a splendid business, and in addition to real estate, business opportunities are also handled. Mrs. Fenwick is a member of the Inglewood Board of Realtors and the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles Realty Board. In addition, she belongs to the Business Sales Association. She is also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Inglewood Post No. 188. Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick have a daughter, LaVonne, the wife of Andrew Sgroi of St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Sgroi had the distinction of having been the youngest American Legion Post Commander in the United States, when Commander of Moco Post at Manganese Ore, Nevada. He was a bugler during his active service and was recently written up in a St. Louis paper, describing the exceedingly large number of bugle calls he has made at various official functions, including military funerals, and National American Legion Conventions.

Mrs. Fenwick's great pride are her two grandsons, Phillip, five, and Michael, three. Her hobby is interior decorating, horseback riding and fishing.

## **Walter H. Keefe**

A man who has made an outstanding business success in Inglewood and a civic leader of the first rank is Walter H. Keefe, the second oldest furniture man in point of years of service in the community.

Starting the furniture business in Inglewood in a garage at 206 South Locust Street in 1930 with the slogan, "Buy in a Garage Building and Save the Difference," Walter H. Keefe has in the course of the past nineteen years become one of the largest retail furniture men of Los Angeles County outside of the metropolitan district of Los Angeles.

For some years, Mr. Keefe's main place of business was on North Market Street, but this store has recently been discontinued and since April, 1949, his Inglewood business has been centered at his magnificent store located at 3215 West Manchester. Here is displayed a complete line of medium to high grade furniture, as well as furnishings, household appliances, radios, television sets, and numerous other items used in furnishing a home. Due to lower rent and smaller overhead, merchandise is invariably obtained more reasonably in the Walter's store than in downtown Los Angeles. A point is made of carrying almost exclusively well-known brand names and almost any well-known line is available to Mr. Keefe's customers.

In addition to the Inglewood store, Mr. Keefe also maintains a furniture store in Redondo Beach, which was opened in 1947.

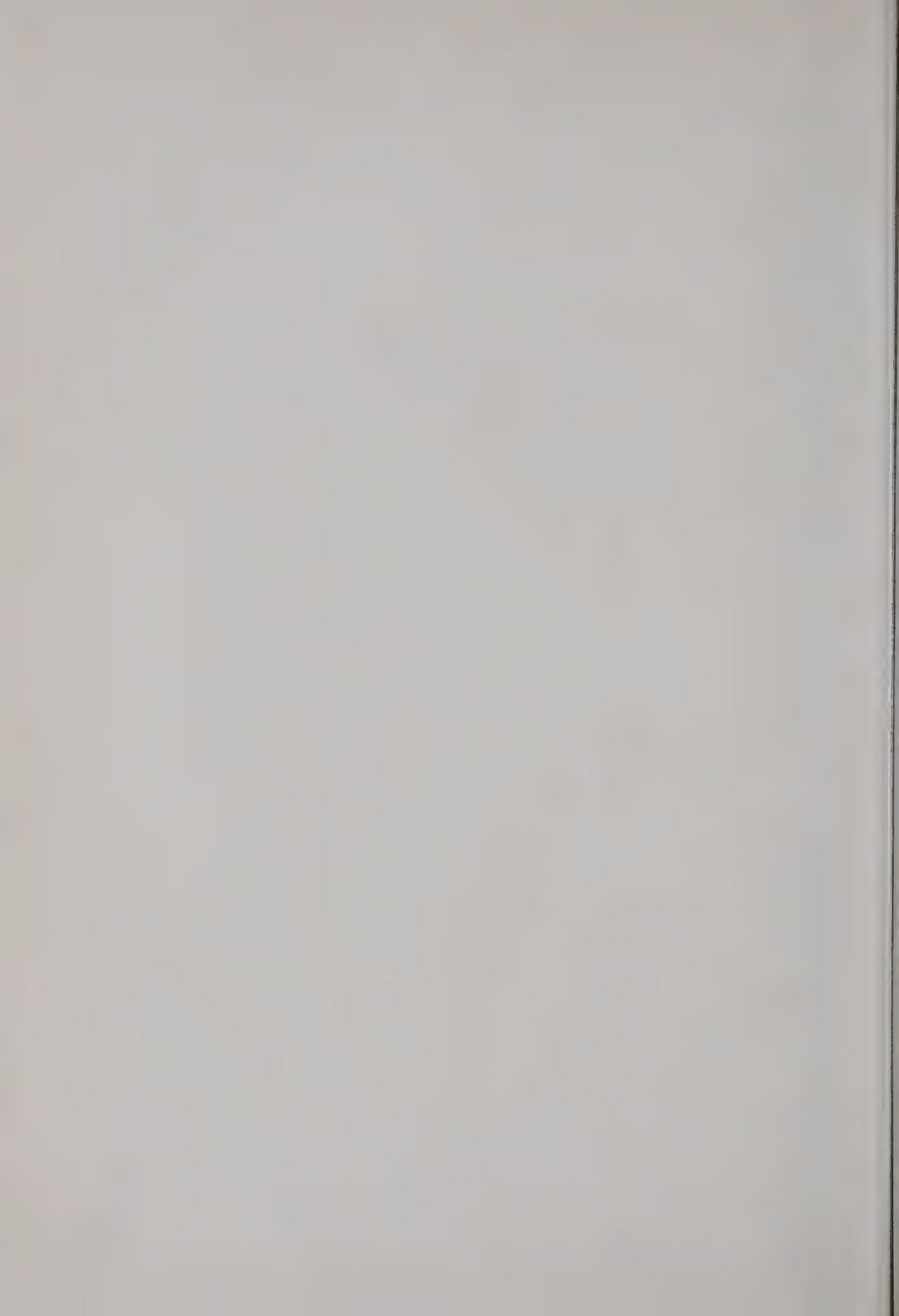
Long active in Inglewood in the local Chamber of Commerce and in the Inglewood Lions Club, Mr. Keefe is a past president of both of these organizations. Among other organizations with which he is affiliated is the Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club. His church is the Catholic.

Mr. Keefe has had many years of practical experience in the furniture trade. He came to California from Boston twenty-four years ago, and for some time was with the Norwood Furniture Company in Burbank. After continuing there for three years, he became manager of the Reliable Furniture Company in Long Beach, being an exceptionally young man at the time to hold such an important position.

Mr. Keefe was born in Boston, July 15, 1904, the son of William J. and Margaret Keefe. He attended schools in his native city and took a business course at Northeastern University, following which he was employed by the Chevrolet Motor Company in Boston until he moved to California. His wife was the former Marion Willsie, and they have four children: Walter H., Jr., who served in the Coast Guard as a radio operator during World War II and is now married and attending Palos Verdes College; Connie, a student at Marymount School; Gary, who attends elementary school in Westwood; and Marion Kathleen, who is not old enough for school yet.



WALTER H. KEEFE



In addition to his beautiful home in Westwood, Mr. Keefe also has a summer home at Lake Arrowhead and a winter home in the desert at La Quinta. His favorite sports are speed boating and tennis.

### **Gordon C. Tyrrell, M. D.**

Among the younger members of the medical profession in Inglewood, Dr. Gordon C. Tyrrell commands a position of confidence and respect. A native of Spencer, Iowa, he took his pre-medical and medical education at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, where he graduated from the College of Medicine in February, 1945. Following the completion of internship at the Tacoma General Hospital, Washington, he practiced in association with Dr. J. B. Peterson for one year before he was commissioned Lieutenant (j.g.) in the Medical Corps of the United States Navy. While in the Navy he served at the Corona Naval Hospital and the Naval Air Base at Manila, Philippines, where he remained for one and one-half years. Dr. Tyrrell then returned to Inglewood in 1946 and resumed practice in partnership with Dr. Peterson.

In August, 1949, Dr. Tyrrell entered his own practice with offices in a building especially constructed for his needs at 421 East Hillcrest Boulevard, Inglewood. He has a suite of several rooms, complete with laboratory, as well as his own X-Ray equipment.

Dr. Tyrrell is a member of the American Medical Association, and affiliated bodies, and his medical fraternity is Alpha Kappa Kappa. He is an active staff member of the Centinela Hospital.

The former Miss Josephine Lybbert became the wife of Dr. Tyrrell at the University of Iowa, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science of Commerce. She sings lyric soprano and was a member of the University choir. Locally, she belongs to the Inglewood Musical Arts Society and American Saddlers.

There are two daughters, Jennifer and Jonquil.

### **John W. Roulette, D. D. S.**

A leading and prominent member of the dental profession in Inglewood is Dr. John W. Roulette, who, in length of practice, is one of the oldest in this community, having been continuously engaged here since 1926, the year he began practice in association with Dr. O. F. McMaster.

Dr. Roulette was born in Mound City, Illinois, on October 5, 1901, son of John A. and Mary E. (Hayden) Roulette. He is of French extraction on

his paternal side and of Dutch-English extraction on his maternal side. He is one of a family of four daughters and three sons, all of whom are still living.

The future dentist received his early schooling in the Valley Recluse Country School, out from Mound City.

Too young to join in World War I, he stayed out of school three years to produce on the farms in Illinois and South Dakota, after which time, his mother having passed away in 1920, he went to Valparaiso University High School, in Indiana. He completed the four-year course in two years and at the same time worked for room and board, also doing odd jobs for spending money. He then decided to come to California to study dentistry at the University of Southern California in 1922. He started his dental practice in Inglewood on August 16, 1926, having completed the four-year course at that time. After a year with Dr. McMaster, he opened his own office, and has been in practice by himself ever since, and during the intervening years he has built up a very large following, his patients coming not only from Inglewood, but from the surrounding communities as well.

Dr. Roulette has numerous activities outside of his professional life. He has long been active in the Kiwanis Club, of which he is a former director. His church is the First Methodist, and he has been a member of its Board of Directors for the past fifteen years and is currently vice-president of the Board. He has served as chief or head usher for the past twenty years. Aiding in promoting the financial campaign and the new church edifice in Inglewood, he has helped launch and successfully complete the raising of \$100,000 for the church school expansion, construction of which will start shortly.

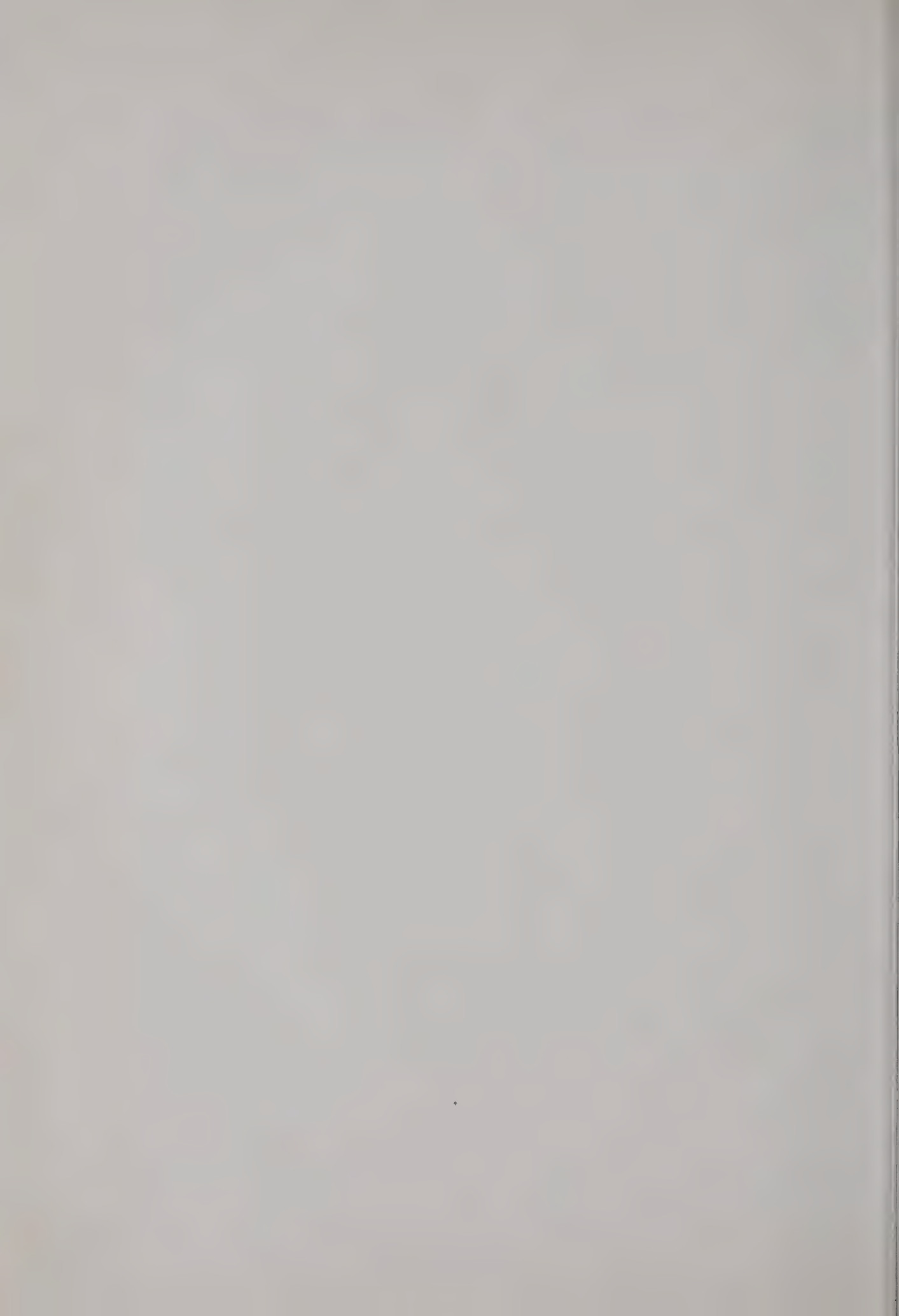
Fraternally, Dr. Roulette is a member of Inglewood Lodge No. 421, F. & A. M.; Signet Chapter No. 57, R. A. M., of Los Angeles; and Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, K. T.

Professional affiliations include the American and Southern California and Los Angeles County Dental Associations, as well as the American Academy of Applied Nutrition.

Dr. Roulette has three sons, of whom he is justly proud: George W., Ray S., and William R. The three boys were all born in Inglewood, and all graduated from California Military Academy with officers' rank before going to Inglewood High School, at which institution they have made fine records. George and Ray were both track stars, and all have been exceptionally good scholars. Upon our entering World War II, Dr. Roulette gave the three boys the experience of a one-room school house for one term in the mountains just above Forest Home, California. Instead of the conventional red brick, this was a rock schoolhouse, made from the rocks of the valley of the falls, and called Fallsville School. Their grandfather had pioneered the building of the structure sixteen years previously.



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Upon graduation from high school, George joined the United States Navy and is in the Pharmacy Department. He is now continuing his study of pharmacy in the Naval school at Long Beach. The three sons are all active in the De Molay organization. Ray was president of the newly formed Key Club at Inglewood High School, a group sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. He was also president of the Senior Honor Board, and Bill was president of his freshman class.

Dr. Roulette finds his chief recreation in hunting, fishing, and traveling.

## **Emmett Malloy**

For over twenty years, Emmett Malloy has occupied a leading position in business circles in the Centinela Valley. Engaged in the contracting business of grading, leveling and various kinds of road work, his organization is one of the most important in this type of work in Southern California, and important jobs have been handled over a wide area of Los Angeles County.

A very noteworthy undertaking of Mr. Malloy was the construction of the Carrell Speedway in Gardena in 1947. Originally leased out, this \$150,000 plant, which has a seating capacity of fourteen thousand and where automobile and motorcycle races are held two or three times a week, is now operated by him. The half-mile track is the largest of its kind in Southern California, and under Mr. Malloy's able management the speedway is enjoying increasing popularity and draws spectators from all over this area.

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Mr. Malloy is a native of New Hampton, Iowa, and was born on April 11, 1908, one of four sons of Thomas F. and Rose G. Malloy, the others being Marshall J. of Los Angeles, Virgil E. and William P. of Inglewood. Mr. Thomas Malloy died here in 1930 but Mrs. Malloy is still a resident of Inglewood.

Emmett Malloy received his schooling in his native Iowa and as a youth worked in Montana in the summers. He early entered the contracting business, which he has followed for many years.

Mr. Malloy is a member of St. John Chrysostom Catholic Church and belongs to the Inglewood Elks Lodge.

He married the former Miss Louise Thornton, daughter of John T. Thornton, pioneer grocer of Inglewood. Mr. and Mrs. Malloy have seven children: Carol, Rosemary, Thomas, Paula, John, Sheila and Michael. "

Mr. Malloy's hobby is analogous to that of the postman who goes for a walk on his vacation—he owns racing cars, which he enters in speed events not only in California but in the East, and his drivers have won several races.

## **William P. Malloy**

William P. Malloy, prominent lawyer of Inglewood and recently appointed City Prosecutor, comes from a leading Inglewood family and one which has been identified in the community for many years.

A native of New Hampton, Iowa, William P. Malloy was born May 25, 1913, son of the late Thomas F. and Rose G. (Cooney) Malloy. He first attended school in his native Iowa, and coming to California with his parents in 1927, he continued his education here, being a graduate of Loyola High School and Loyola University, having received the degree of A.B. from the latter institution in 1934. His professional course was taken at the law school at the University of Southern California and at Southwestern University, graduating from the latter in 1937 with the degree of LL.B.

Mr. Malloy began practice in Los Angeles as a member of the legal staff of the Pacific Automobile Insurance Company, continuing in this connection until 1942, when he volunteered for service during World War II. Originally commissioned in the Coast Guard and on the staff of the Port Officer in San Francisco, he was subsequently transferred to Philadelphia, where he served as legal officer in that district. When separated from the Service he held the rank of Lt. Commander.

It was in February, 1946, that Mr. Malloy began practice in Inglewood. He is currently president of the Inglewood South Bay Bar Association. His religious affiliation is with the Catholic Church. His service club is the Lions. He belongs to the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus and Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity.

The former Miss Dorothy Durning, daughter of Harry M. Durning, Collector of Customs of the Port of New York, became the wife of Mr. Malloy. They have three children: Mary Barbara, Alamia, and Dorothy.

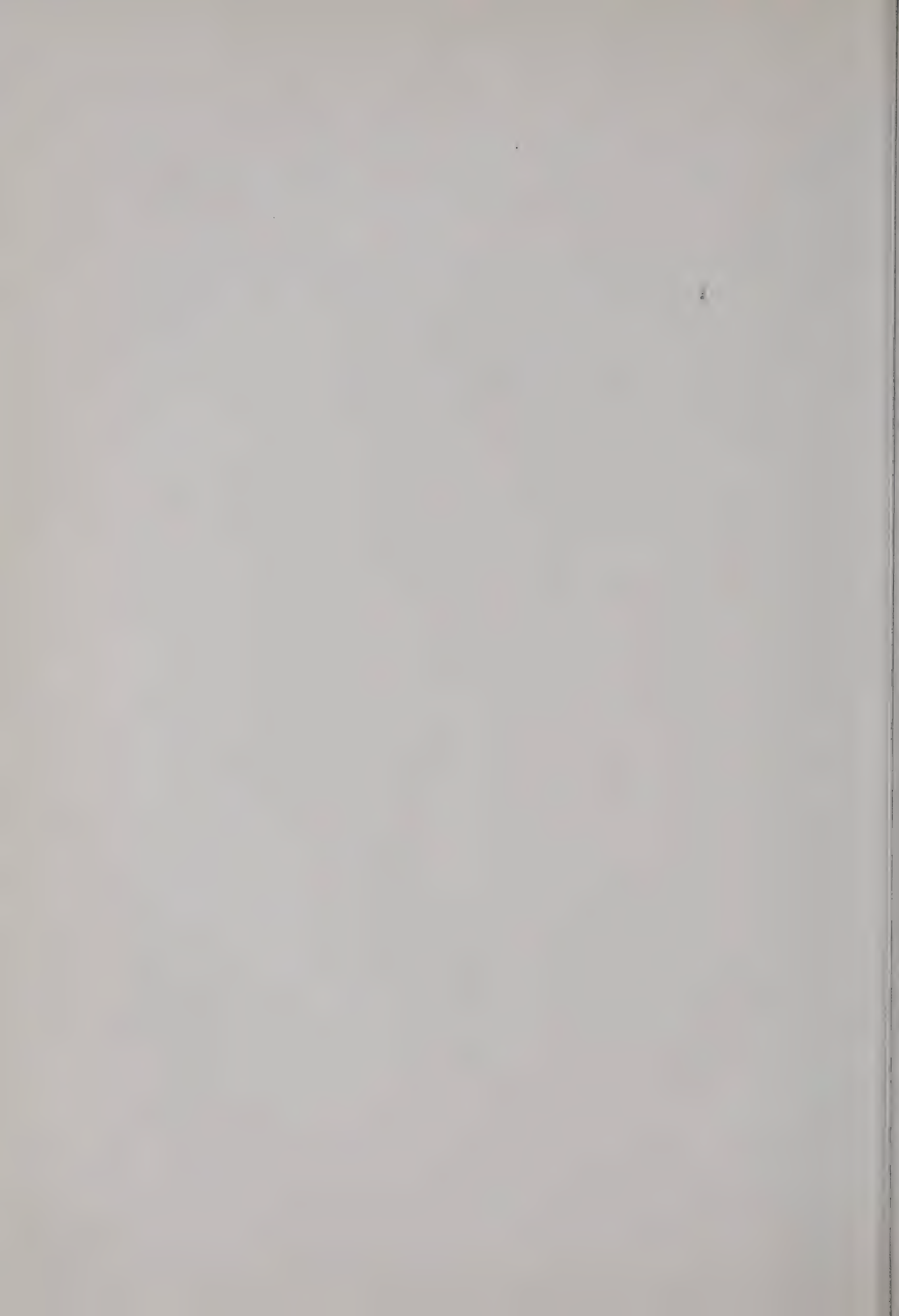
## **John D. Flanagan**

The only locally owned funeral directing firm in Inglewood is the Hardin-Flanagan Mortuary, of which John D. Flanagan has been the owner and active head since 1944. This mortuary was established in 1913 by Louis B. Hardin, pioneer resident and business man of the Centinela Valley. This long-established local business is not just a minor part of a widespread organization; with a staff of men and women thoroughly conversant with local requirements, the finest individual personal attention has always been rendered.

John D. Flanagan is a native of California, born in the attractive little community of Ojai, in Ventura County, on Christmas Day, 1916, son of John and



JOHN D. FLANAGAN



Grace (DeWar) Flanagan. His father was formerly a druggist in Ojai and is now deceased, but his mother is still living.

Mr. Flanagan's elementary schooling was in several different Southern California communities, including Ojai, Ventura, Santa Paula, and Long Beach. He graduated from Anaheim High School in 1934 and then spent two years at Ventura Junior College. His professional course was taken at the California College of Mortuary Science and completed in 1937. He then opened a mortuary of his own at Fullerton, which he operated for seven years, until coming to Inglewood.

The Hardin-Flanagan Mortuary is located at 635 South Prairie Avenue in a beautiful colonial style structure which was completed in 1948. Included in the building is an unusually attractive colonial chapel, and the other rooms of the establishment have been carefully designed and furnished to meet the various requirements of the exacting business. It is interesting to note that construction has recently been begun on a new Hardin-Flanagan Mortuary to be located at 447 North Hawthorne Boulevard, in Hawthorne, which will be of colonial architecture, similar to the Inglewood building. As in the case of the latter, all the latest features in mortuary planning have been included in the design. The local staff of the new establishment will be headed by a resident director under the personal supervision of Mr. Flanagan.

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The only ambulance service in Inglewood is provided by the Hardin-Flanagan firm. Service for the city of Inglewood is supplied, as well as service for surrounding towns, and an ambulance contract is maintained with the County.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Flanagan is president of the Board of Trustees of the Centinela Valley Union High School District, having recently been elected to a second term. A prominent Methodist, he is a former member of the Official Board of the local church and has been president of the club known as Methodist Men. Mr. Flanagan is a Rotarian and served as a Director for three years. He belongs to both local Chambers of Commerce and has been a director of the Junior Chamber. Fraternally, he is a Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner, and a member of the Elks and Odd Fellows.

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During the recent war, Mr. Flanagan served in the Chemical Warfare Division of the United States Army and was stationed at the Ordnance Depot in Gadson, Alabama, for the greater part of the time he was on active duty. He continues his interest in military affairs by being an active member of the American Legion.

Mr. Flanagan has two children: Michael and Carol. His favorite sports are fishing and hunting.

### **Irl N. Stalcup, O.D.**

Dr. Irl N. Stalcup, optometrist, is an unusually highly educated person and has had exceptional training in his profession. A natural-born student, he is an ordained minister of the Church of Christ, in addition to being a graduate optometrist. He has also taken various cultural courses at Pepperdine College in Los Angeles.

A native of Stephens County, Kansas, the doctor was born March 19, 1921, son of Ray and Ethel (Chaffin) Stalcup. His father is a wheat farmer in Kansas. The doctor's early schooling and high school education were obtained principally in his native state of Kansas, but he also went to school for a year in Texas. He attended Junior College in Dodge City, Kansas, where he took some pre-medical courses, and spent two years and a half at Harding College, in Searcy, Arkansas, a denominational institution of the Church of Christ. In addition to divinity courses, he completed a year's medical course at this institution. His course in optometry was taken at the Los Angeles College of Optometry, where he received degrees of B.S. and O.D. from this institution in 1945. He keeps abreast of the advances in the optometric profession by being a member of the Optometric Extension Program and the Washington Institute of Medicine.

While still attending Pepperdine College, Dr. Stalcup put in part time with Dr. Roy M. Swain, whose practice he subsequently purchased. Prior to settling down permanently in Inglewood, Dr. Stalcup spent several months at Topeka, Kansas, associated with Dr. D. R. Paine, a noted member of the optometric profession and formerly president of the National Academy of Optometry.

In July, 1948, Dr. Stalcup took over completely Dr. Swain's practice in Inglewood, and during the course of the past year and a half he has greatly increased the practice formerly enjoyed by Dr. Swain. He specializes in eye examinations and visual training.

Dr. Stalcup is a member of the American, California, Los Angeles County and Long Beach Optometric Associations. His service club is the Kiwanis, and he is a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and Washington Institute of Medicine.

The former Miss Lois Jean Fox, whom he met at Pepperdine College, became Dr. Stalcup's wife. They have one son, Irl Nelson.

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Dr. Stalcup is a talented cello player, having played in the Kansas Symphony Orchestra and in the Little Rock, Arkansas, Symphony Orchestra.

As a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Stalcup states that he definitely prefers living in California, and that, in his opinion, Ingle-

wood ranks unusually high in this state as a center of community culture and good fellowship.

## **Leonard Ruegg**

One of Inglewood's prominent and well-regarded citizens was the late Leonard Ruegg, who, although not in business in this city, resided here for the last twenty-five years of his life and participated generously in civic affairs. A successful business man of Los Angeles, he found his greatest pleasure in his Inglewood home and in the interest and active part he took in local community affairs.

Mr. Ruegg was born at Brackenridge, Pennsylvania, on November 6, 1890, the son of John and Rachel (Hundertmark) Ruegg.

After attending school in his native town, and in Pittsburgh, he worked as newsboy, clerk, bookkeeper and salesman in the latter city until moving to California in 1912. He first made his home in Lawndale, where his mother is still living, and in 1920 he moved to Inglewood, where the family residence was established at 130 North Locust Street.

Soon after coming to this state, Mr. Ruegg became connected with the Southern California Music Company, continuing with this concern until 1918, when he purchased the National Brass Works, which business is located at 2140 East Twenty-fifth Street, Los Angeles, and is one of the most important in its line to be found on the Pacific Coast, and is now being managed by his son-in-law, R. W. Wagner.

One of Mr. Ruegg's greatest interests in life was in the Masonic Fraternity. He was a member and Past Master of Inglewood Lodge No. 421, F. & A. M.; a charter member and first secretary of the Royal Arch Chapter in Inglewood; a member of the Knights Templar, Consistory, and belonged to Al Malaikah Shrine Temple in Los Angeles. His service club was the Inglewood Rotary, of which he had been president.

A man who enjoyed life to the utmost, Mr. Ruegg was a hard worker and always planning for the future and looking ahead. He made a commendable success of his business, but was always generous of his time and means for helping worthy causes and worthwhile individuals.

Mr. Ruegg is survived by his widow, the former Miss Margaret Koch, and three daughters and four grandsons and one granddaughter: Betty, the wife of R. F. Dupuy, who has three sons; Grace, who is secretary of the National Brass Works, and May Jeanne, the wife of R. W. Wagner, parents of one son and one daughter; son's name Leonard Ruegg Wagner.

Leonard Ruegg passed away on September 4, 1945. His memory will long be cherished by all those who knew him.

## **H. R. Albert**

H. R. Albert's home is in Morningside Park. For the past five years he has operated his own business at 7401 Crenshaw Boulevard. In this desirable location he has built up a large business and is considered one of the most successful realtors in the Southwest.

A native of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Mr. Albert was born April 6, 1890, son of Paris and Alice (Shutt) Albert. He received the degree of B.S. (1913) and M.S. (1931) from the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. In 1942 he received the degree of Doctor of Education from Stanford.

With his family, he has visited forty-two states, nearly all of our National Parks and most of our National Monuments. He lists as most interesting Grand Canyon, Carlsbad Cavern, Bryce and Zion Parks, the Black Hills, Yosemite, Crater Lake, Yellowstone, Lake Louise and New York City. As great men of all time, Mr. Albert lists Christ, Paul, Socrates, Aristotle, Savanarola, William Shakespeare, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Gandi and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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Prior to coming to California Mr. Albert had an outstanding career in the educational field as a teacher and administrator in Oklahoma and Texas. During the late war he was Co-Principal of the Juvenile Delinquency School at Mt. Baldy, California. When the men came back from the services he resigned his job in favor of a returning veteran and entered the real estate business.

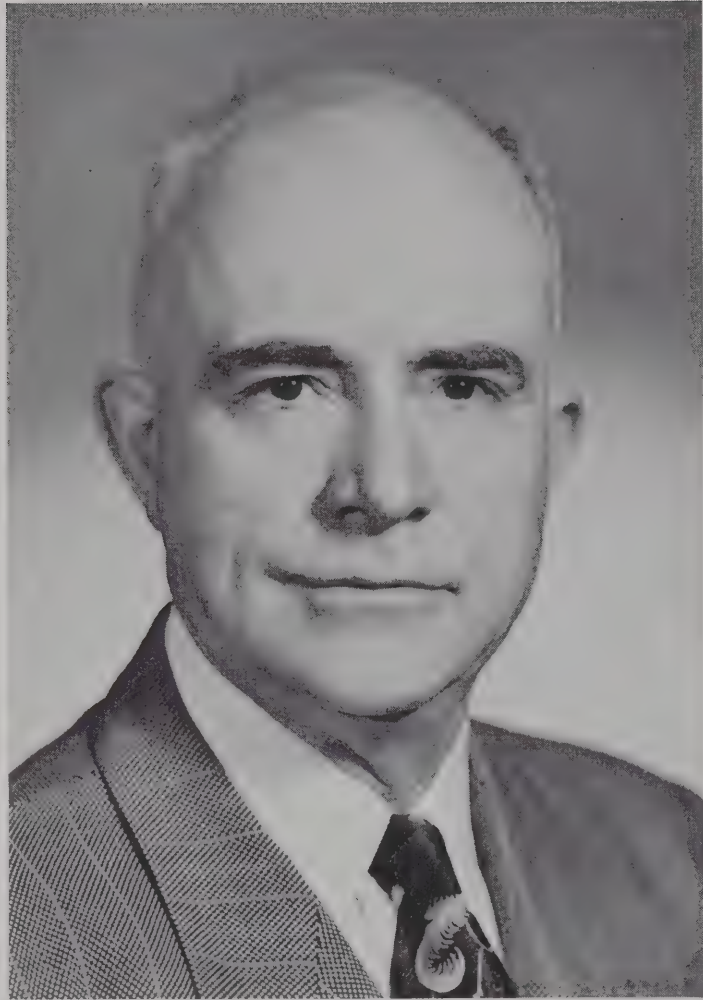
With his broad educational and cultural background it is not surprising that Mr. Albert recently won the Home Town speech contest conducted by the Inglewood Board of Realtors, to represent Inglewood in the state contest in Long Beach. What he thinks of Inglewood is pretty well revealed in this speech, Inglewood, The End of the Rainbow.

Mr. Albert has the distinction of being listed in Who's Who in Education, a national publication. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner.

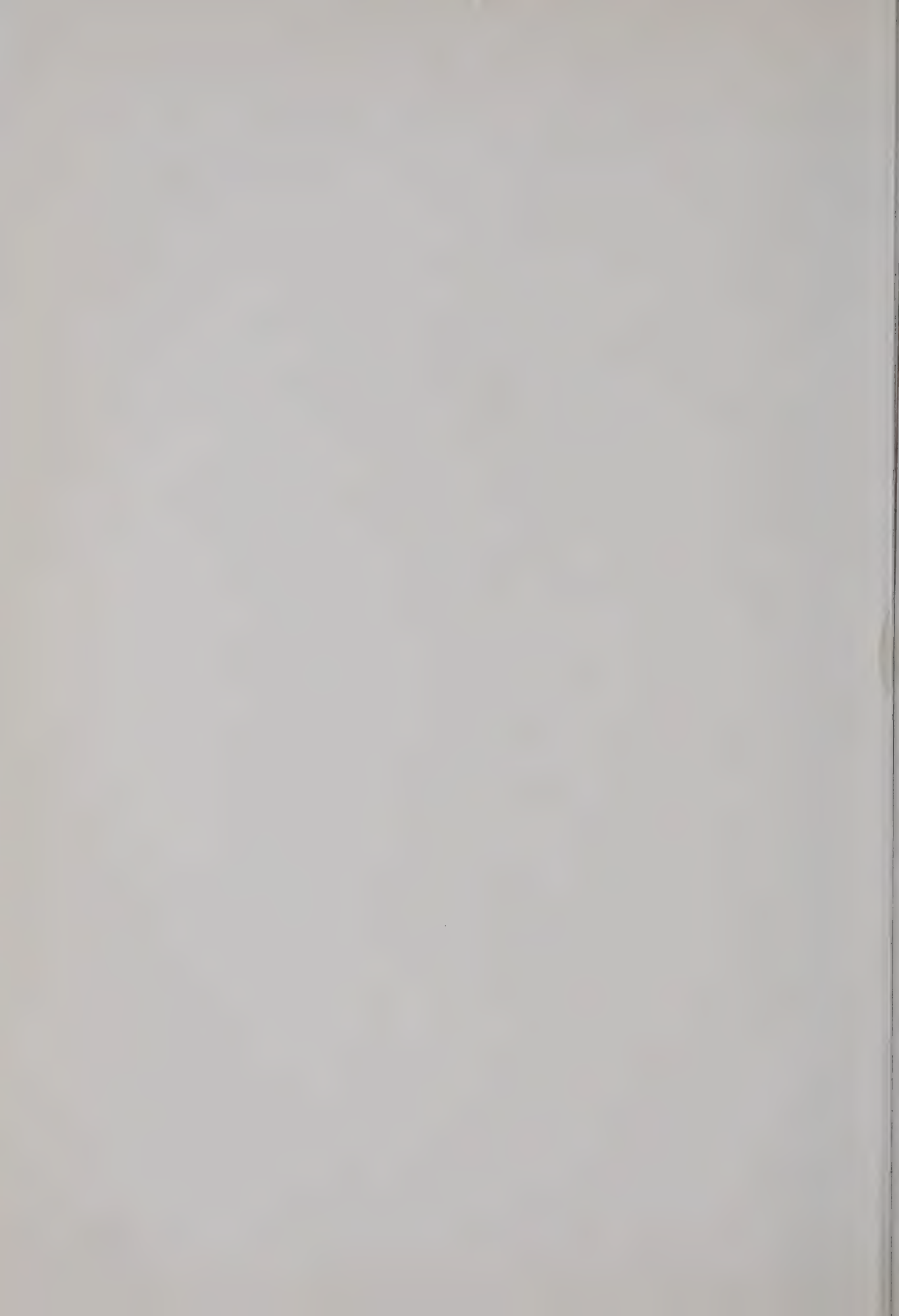
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He married Miss Regina Jones, a native of Texas. Mrs. Albert has a Master's Degree from the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Two sons have been born to this union: Harold, Jr., who holds a Master's Degree from University of Southern California and is an instructor in that institution in Cinematography; and David Bruce, who has just finished his first two years in college.



H. R. ALBERT



## **Edward S. Todd, D. C., N. D.**

A leading and highly esteemed member of the chiropractic profession of the Centinela Valley is Dr. Edward S. Todd, who has practiced his profession in Morningside Park since 1943, and is widely and favorably known in this city, not only as a professional man, but also as a public-spirited citizen.

The doctor was born in McHenry, Mississippi, son of George S. and Bertha (Dale) Todd, both of whom are still living and make their home in Ontario.

Dr. Todd attended the elementary schools of Gulfport, Mississippi, until he came to California with his parents. He continued his education at the Chaffey Union High School in Ontario and at Polytechnic High School in Oakland, California. After attending Crozier Seminary and University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Todd received his professional training at the Southern California College of Chiropractic, graduating in 1938. He first opened his offices in Los Angeles, and after returning from military service established himself in Morningside Park six years ago. Dr. Todd has taken a considerable amount of post-graduate work at his alma mater, at the California College of Natural Healing Arts, and at the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. He holds the degrees of Doctor of Chiropractic and Doctor of Naturopathy.

An active member of many professional organizations, Dr. Todd is president of the International Bio-Engineering Research Society, past president of the Southern California Society of Pathometrists, and past president of the Inglewood-Southwest District of the California Chiropractic Association.

Community responsibilities have been willingly assumed by the doctor. A veteran of World War II, he is a past commander of Morningside Park Post 398 of the American Legion. Dr. Todd has served for several years on the board of directors of the Morningside Park Lions Club of the Morningside Section of the Chamber of Commerce, and of the Morningside Park Improvement Association. He is a member of the Inglewood Elks Lodge.

In 1937, Dr. Todd married the former Miss Elsie Whitney of Inglewood.

## **Thomas Leo Hayden**

A most inspiring record is shown in the life of Thomas Leo Hayden, owner and operator of Hayden's Fashion Barber Shop, the leading and largest business of its kind in the Centinela Valley. Arriving in Inglewood some twenty-six years ago with five daughters and only a few dollars in his pocket, he has in the course of the intervening years risen to be one of Inglewood's prosperous and successful citizens, and a fraternal and community leader of the first rank.

Mr. Hayden was born in St. Joseph, Kentucky, on April 3, 1886, son of Pious and Martha Hayden. He attended school in his home town and in Curds-ville, Kentucky.

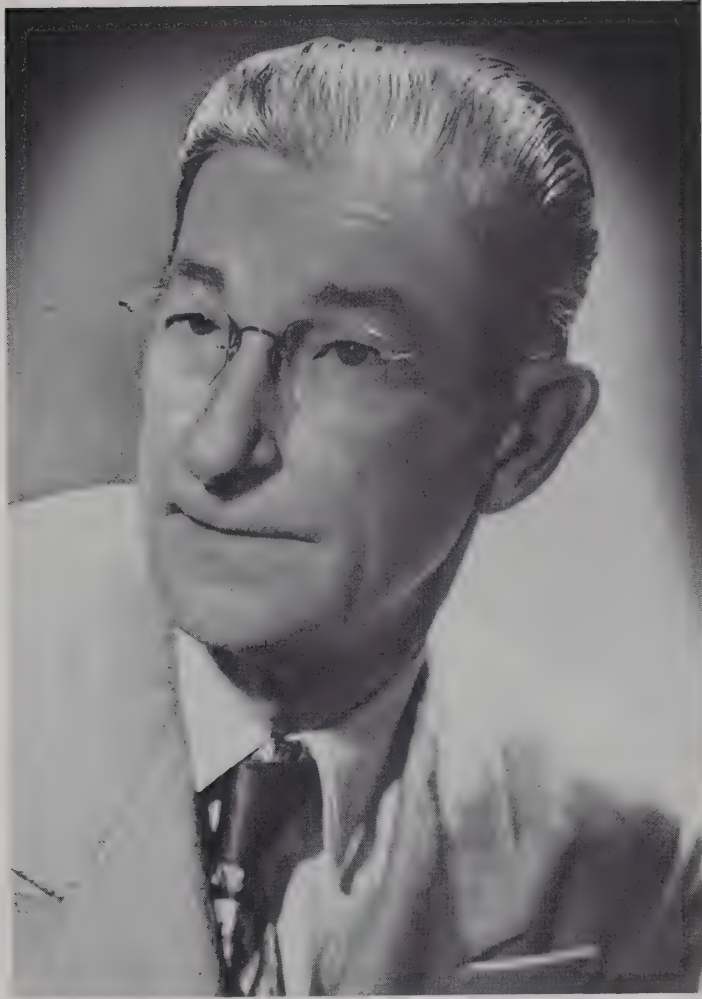
Until the age of sixteen, Mr. Hayden remained on the family farm, and after leaving home he followed a variety of occupations and while still a youth he learned the barbering trade. Ultimately locating in Roundup, Montana, he followed several callings in that state, including that of manufacturing flour, dry land farming, and he operated restaurants in Lavana and Ryegate. He also sold automobiles.

Having long had a desire to come to California, he brought his family to this state by automobile, and arriving in the Centinela Valley, the first home was established in Hawthorne. Fortunately, in view of his limited funds on hand, Mr. Hayden almost immediately secured a position as a barber in what was then known as the Fashion Barber Shop in Inglewood, then and still located at 216½ East Queen Street. In the course of three or four years, he acquired a third interest in this business; later he and John Reno became the two partners in the business; and for the past thirteen years Mr. Hayden has been the sole owner, ultimately having changed the name of the business to Hayden's Fashion Barber Shop. With all the latest and best equipment for the nine chairs in the establishment, manned by a staff of nine competent barbers, Mr. Hayden's shop has long enjoyed an enviable reputation. While there are other larger shops in Southern California, it is doubtful if any others provide superior service to that obtainable in this shop. In addition to the barbers, one or two expert manicurists are part of the personnel, as well as bootblacks.

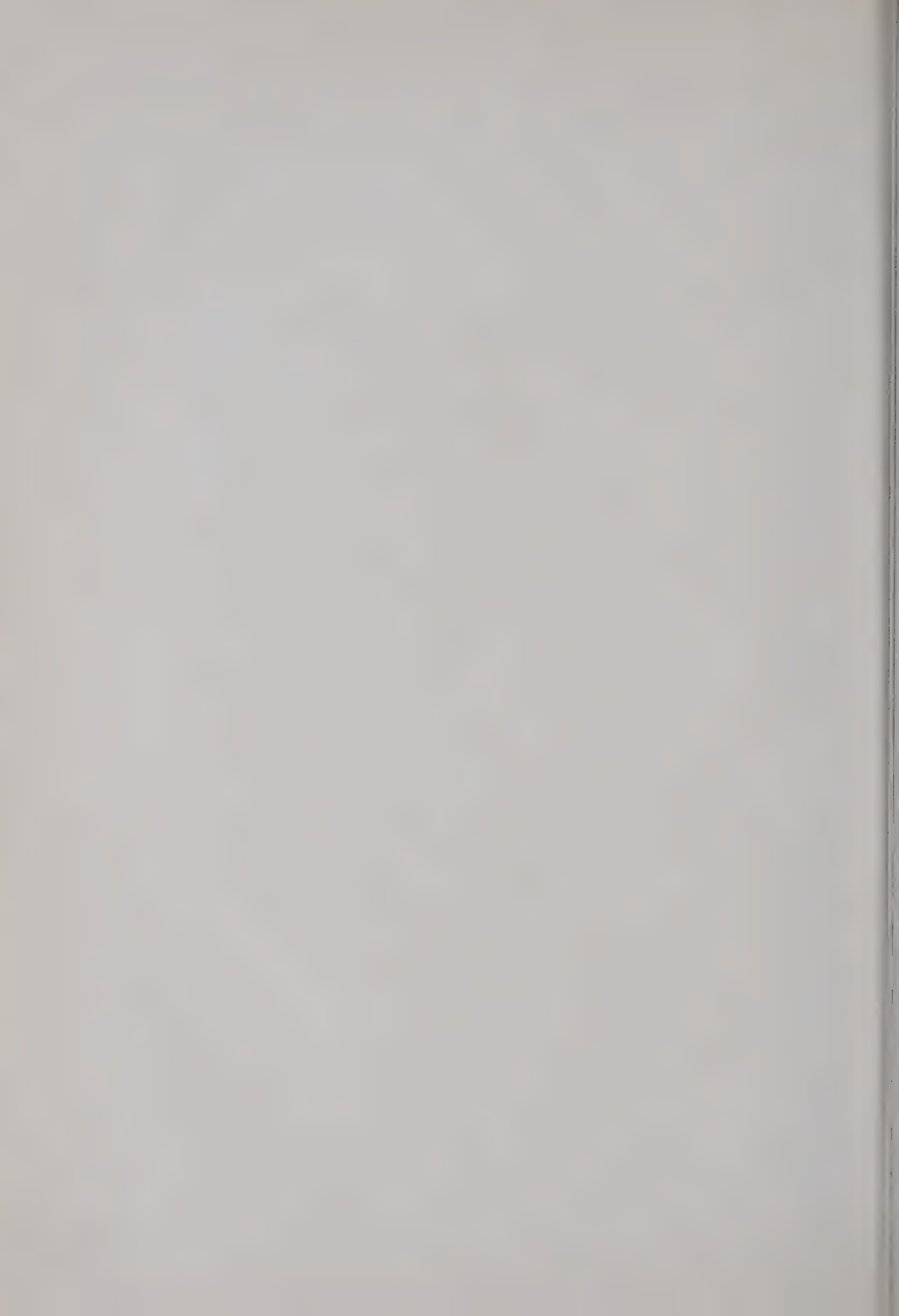
Active in the Inglewood Elks Lodge, Mr. Hayden is a past Exalted Ruler of this important organization, and an honorary life member. He is also a prominent member of the Knights of Columbus, having been Grand Knight of the order in Roundup, Montana, and also in Inglewood. Furthermore, in line with his interest in the Catholic Church, he is a former president of the Holy Name Society in Inglewood. Professionally, he is a past president of the Master Barbers Association of Los Angeles. His service club is the Kiwanis.

Mr. Hayden's wife was the former Eula Roberts, a native of Henderson County, Kentucky. She passed away on June 24, 1948. A well-beloved lady of this city, Mrs. Hayden was quite active in civic affairs, having been identified with a number of women's organizations, including the Emblem Club, the Women's Division of the Elks Lodge, and she had been president of the Altar Society of St. John's Catholic Parish. A well-educated person, she was a graduate of an academy in Louisville, Kentucky, and had the reputation of being an unusually expert and interesting letter writer.

The six daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden are: Mildred, the wife of Eddie Briggs, of Los Angeles; Margaret, the wife of John Simmons, of Fairmount,



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Minnesota; Eula, the wife of Robert Fox, of Lake Grove, Oregon; Lucile, the wife of Jack Wiles, of Inglewood; Mary Frances, the wife of Robert Morgan, of Westchester, Louisiana; and Barbara, the wife of Walley Broadfoot, of Inglewood. There are twelve grandchildren.

Mr. Hayden finds recreation in a ranch which he owns in Utah and which he visits as frequently as time permits.

### **Antonio (Tony) Sibilio**

A gratifying example of an Italian born youth who came to this country and made good as a business man as well as a sterling example of a loyal American citizen is Antonio Sibilio, born January 5, 1889, at Sarconi, in the province of Pontenza, to Pasquale and Antoinetta Sibilio.

It was in 1909 that Mr. Sibilio came to this country to live with an uncle in Sherman, now West Hollywood. His first venture was a shoe repair shop on West First Street in downtown Los Angeles, which he operated until 1912. He then came to Inglewood and purchased the John Bruno shoe repair shop, then on North Commercial Street a few doors north of the Daily News office, ultimately moving the shop to 115 North Commercial Street (now La Brea Avenue). He put in a line of shoes. After selling out the repair business he continued the shoe business until 1926, when he sold this out too.

Not long after, he established a grocery store at the old location, specializing on imported goods and fine wines. During the war he retired from commercial pursuits, however, due to the difficulty in getting the type of stock he carried.

He arrived in America with only \$18, including \$15 in three \$5 gold pieces, and these he lost when the string on which he carried them around his neck broke, leaving him with only some small change. Despite this rather disheartening start, Mr. Sibilio has amassed a gratifying share of this world's goods, in some measure due to his acumen in acquiring real estate. In addition to two apartment houses on North Locust Street here, he also has valuable property in Los Angeles and West Hollywood.

He married Miss Clorinda Mariotti, also a native of Italy, and they have a married daughter, Mrs. Mary Sibilio Frary of El Segundo, and three grandchildren, Florence Marie, five years of age; Antonio Sibilio, four; and Ralph E., Jr., three. The children's father, Ralph E. Frary, a former master sergeant in the Medical Corps, was five years in the army, two of these in Italy, and now is with the Title Insurance and Trust Company.

Mr. Sibilio has been generous with his money, as some years ago he paid the expenses here from Italy of his sister, her husband and two children, and

subsequently sent for his mother and another sister, and they all became good American citizens. It was in 1937 that he returned to his native country and to his native village of Sarconi, and became more than ever convinced that America is the country of freedom and of opportunity for all, especially since Benito Mussolini at that time was lording it over Italy as "Il Duce."

### **Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford B. Picklesimer**

Two most highly respected citizens of Inglewood are Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford B. Picklesimer, who came to this community in 1924. Mr. Picklesimer was active in the real estate business here for almost twenty-five years, having retired in 1949.

A native of Paintsville, Kentucky, Mr. Picklesimer was born on December 25, 1875, son of Dr. Frederick M. and Minerva Picklesimer. His mother passed away early in life and, his father having remarried, he left home when he was seventeen years of age and went to live with a sister whose home was in another town of Kentucky. While residing with her, he worked and also attended school.

In 1895, Mr. Picklesimer went to Texas and got a job ploughing, but he soon went to the Panhandle, where he worked on a cattle ranch. From there, he went to the then Oklahoma Territory and spent a year on a cattle ranch in that section and then returned to the Panhandle, where he continued to ranch. Also about this time, he started selling goods as a horse and buggy salesman, going from farm to farm, and this he rates as one of the interesting experiences of his life.

In 1911 Mr. Picklesimer and his wife came to California. Locating in Bakersfield, he ultimately purchased the first established service station in that city, and he still owns this property. While in Bakersfield, he also worked in the oil fields in that area for a time, in the section called Oil Dale. He came to Inglewood largely on account of his health, and went in the real estate business. His office was located near the corner of South La Brea and Arbor Vitae Streets. During the many years he was so engaged he consummated hundreds of real estate deals. He established a reputation for absolute reliability and honesty, and the respect and devotion his colleagues in the business had for him was shown on his forty-fifth wedding anniversary when a large party was held at his house, consisting principally of realtors who came to pay their respects to him and his wife.

Mrs. Picklesimer was formerly Miss Fleddie Parrish, and the marriage to Mr. Picklesimer took place in Texas on June 22, 1900. The children of this happy couple are Vera, the wife of William Pitt, of Trona, California; Fred



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Picklesimer, of Portland, Oregon; Richard Picklesimer, of Bakersfield, California; Rena, the wife of John H. Miller, both being Realtors in Inglewood, and Dorothy, the wife of David R. Gravau. The latter was a twin of Danny Picklesimer, who was tragically killed in a streetcar accident after having served three years in World War II. There are five grandchildren.

Mr. Picklesimer's hobby is raising turtles, and Mrs. Picklesimer does quilting and handwork. Both are active in church work.

## **Harry Lee Martin**

Harry Lee Martin, who came here in 1904 and for upwards of a quarter century was active in the community, was born in Waco, Texas, in 1875 and came with his parents to California in 1887.

For twenty years he had charge of the interests of the Inglewood Water Company, then owners of the water system, and of the 3,000 acres purchased from Archie Freeman, son of Daniel Freeman. Mr. Martin was in charge until the water company was acquired by the city in 1920. The large acreage was subdivided and ultimately disposed of by a selling organization developed by Mr. Martin.

A member of the first City Council, he served on that body from 1908 until 1912, he organized and operated the Inglewood Gas Company. He also was instrumental in having electricity supplied to Inglewood by persuading the municipality to use street lights providing the company would supply homes with service.

While residing in Inglewood he was first vice-president of the Mortgage Guarantee Company of Los Angeles and has been a director in a number of other large financial concerns. A graduate of U. S. C., he was one of the early members of the Sigma Chi Chapter there.

He married Miss Daisie Elizabeth Cook, daughter of James Cook, one of the financial backers of the Inglewood Water Company. There are two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Lee (Mrs. Walker Havens) and Winifred Louise (Mrs. Edwin C. Howell). Mr. Martin was the speaker of the day at the third annual Pioneers picnic sponsored by the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

## **Robert Haenggi**

Robert Haenggi, resident here since 1891, and former City Councilman, was the first rancher in this section to experiment with popcorn raising, and for a number of years was shipping hundreds of tons of this commodity to various points throughout the country.

In 1894 he acquired a five-acre tract between Larch and Buckthorn streets for a total price of only \$500. His first enterprise here was the operation of some 1,250 acres then owned by the late Pat Connolly in what now is Morning-side Park. He subsequently acquired land of his own on the then westerly limits of Inglewood.

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In 1890 he journeyed back to his native country, Switzerland, where he was born March 17, 1867, in the village of Solothurn, and took as his bride the sweetheart of his youth, Louisa Bachung, also a native of the village. Mrs. Haenggi passed to her reward recently. Their children are Mrs. C. P. Mauser, Mrs. Straford Hudson, Mrs. C. S. Champlin, Joseph J., Walter R., James R., and Teddy Haenggi.

He was appointed to City Council to fill out the unexpired term of the late James W. Perrin, December 14, 1926, and served until April 26, 1931. During those years his advice and judgment on road building and water supply were the basis for considerable civic progress.

He also took an interest in the educational field, being one of the organizers of the Jefferson School District on which he served as a trustee for many years. He also was one of the organizers of the Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Despite his eighty-two years, Mr. Haenggi has remained hale and hearty enough to go deer hunting practically every year and got his buck last season as usual not too far from the family ranches in the San Joaquin Valley.

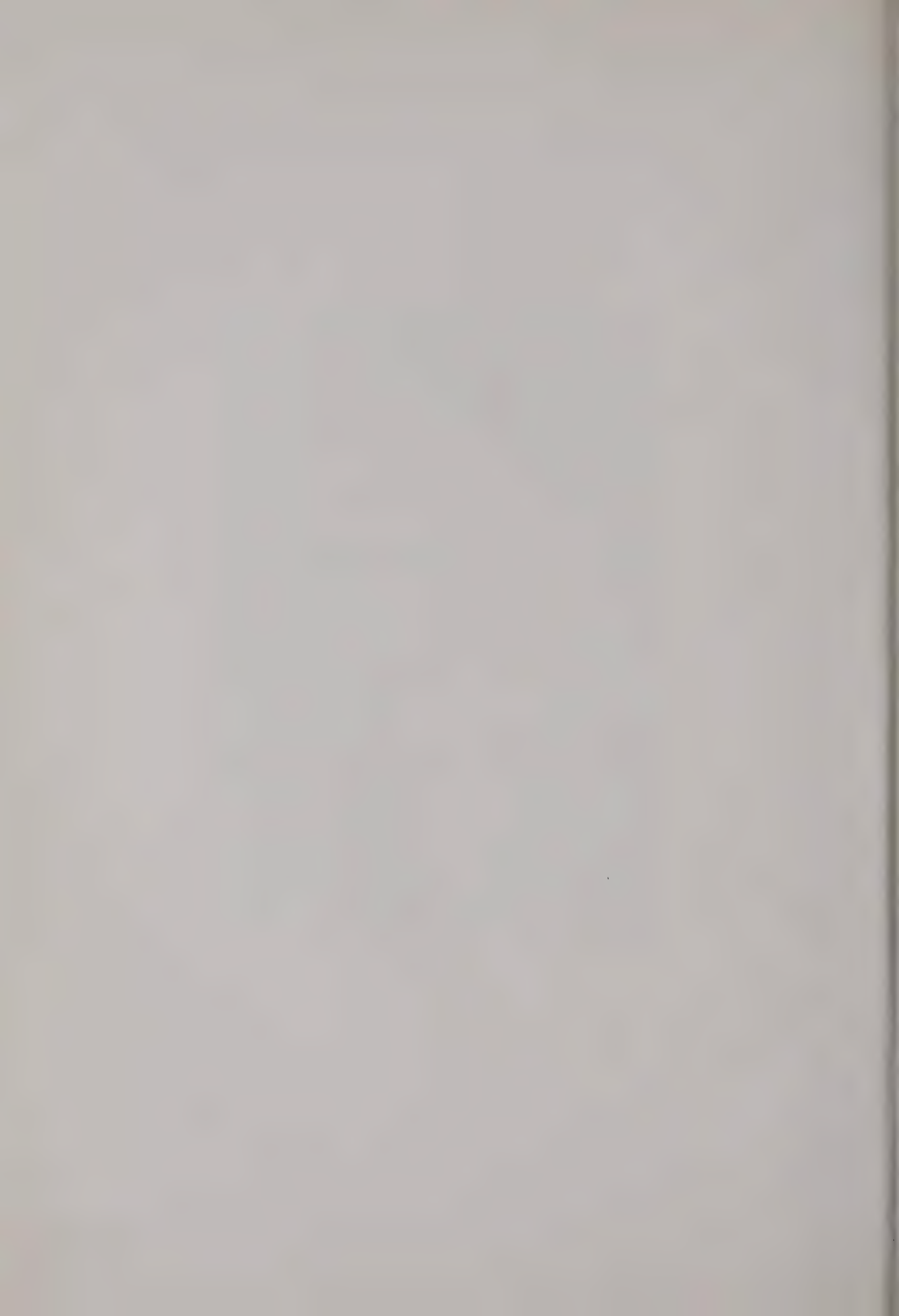
## **Charles C. Jacobs**

Charles C. Jacobs, owner of the Lindburg Photographic Studio, is a native of Toronto, Canada, born in 1888, the son of Albert H. and Mary (Sylvester) Jacobs. He received his education in his native country and as a young man engaged in the fruit business with his father in Canada. His early experience in the photographic business was also in that country. In 1911 he came to California, locating in San Diego, where he purchased the Stout Photo Studio, the name of which he changed to his own. After some years in the southernmost part of the state, he disposed of his interests and returned to Canada with the idea of again going into business there. But after making a survey of possible business openings in Toronto, and in the western part of the country, he decided to come back to California.

He finally established studios at Colton and in San Bernardino, which he conducted for about three years. He then went into potato growing on a ranch



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he owned in San Bernardino, in which undertaking he was extremely successful during the year in which he was so engaged. He next spent some time in the real estate business in Los Angeles. When Albert Lindburg established his studio in Inglewood, he became associated with him and continued until he entered the automobile business in South Pasadena and Highland Park.

In 1930 Mr. Jacobs returned to Inglewood and again became associated with Mr. Lindburg. The latter died in July, 1936, and soon thereafter Mr. Jacobs purchased the business and the property from Mr. Lindburg's estate, and he is now the sole owner of the studio, which is one of the best equipped ones to be found in Southern California. All kinds of photographic work is handled, including high class portraiture, copying, enlarging, and various branches of commercial work. In addition, a large business in picture framing is done, and the latest styles of frames are manufactured in the studio.

For some years Mr. Jacobs was successfully engaged in the chinchilla business, and is a former president of the Chinchilla Breeders Association.

Fraternally, he is a Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, and an Elk.

He married Miss Hilma Pearson, who is a graduate of Inglewood High School and U. C. L. A., and taught school for one year in San Bernardino. She is a member and past president of the Inglewood Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have one son, Charles Sylvester.

### **Leonard C. Fox**

Leonard C. Fox, City Clerk of Inglewood, is the perfect example of the right man in the right position. With a background of education and experience ideally fitting him for the highly specialized duties of his office, Mr. Fox has rendered exceptionally valuable service to the community since his appointment by the City Council to fill out the unexpired term of Otto Duelke, former City Clerk. Appointed to this important office out of a field of a dozen applicants, Mr. Fox was elected in April, 1947, unopposed, to the full term.

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on March 23, 1895, he is a son of the late Julius A. and Leola J. (Quinn) Fox. His father was formerly a theatrical manager. His mother is still living and makes her home in Salt Lake City.

The subject of this sketch attended elementary and high school in Denver, Colorado, and then matriculated at Missouri Valley College, in Marshall, Missouri, where he took a medical course for two years. Following this, he resided in Salt Lake City for a time, where his mother was living.

Mr. Fox served in the Engineers Corps of the United States Army with the rank of Master Engineer during World War I, and spent twenty-one months in the Service, over one-half of this time overseas.

It was in 1919 that he came to California, locating in Sacramento. There he worked as a tractor operator on a rice ranch for a short time and was brought to Los Angeles by W. J. Pearson, then a large real estate dealer, to take charge of his fleet of automobiles. In 1922, he joined the old Yellow Cab Company in Los Angeles as cashier and dispatcher, continuing until 1924, when he became general auditor for the Wiley B. Allen Music Company and assistant to the credit manager. In 1927, he joined the Rio Grande Oil Company as credit manager, and after three years in this connection he became credit collection manager for the Platt Music Company in Los Angeles. During 1934-1935, he was employed by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company as a branch store office manager, first at Brawley and then at Taft, California. Severing this connection, he was given the important position of supervisor of branch stores collections and credits for the Western Auto Supply Company.

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Soon after the United States entered World War II, Mr. Fox endeavored to join the Army, but was turned down on account of age, so he took a job with the Defense Plant Corporation as a field auditor, and became supervisor of construction accounting for the construction of the Pacific Aviation Plant at Century and Lincoln Boulevards. This plant was subsequently absorbed into the Pacific Aviation Company and Mr. Fox became the accountant cashier in charge of finance.

About this time, Mr. Fox saw a note in the Inglewood paper stating that the Mayor and City Council were looking for a man to fill the position of City Clerk. He thereupon filed his application and in due course was appointed to the office.

In addition to his early educational background and wide business experience, Mr. Fox has taken further steps to fit himself to efficiently discharge the multitudinous duties involved in his office by taking several courses in finance, accounting and Certified Public Accountant coaching. He has also studied law by correspondence and at night school.

A member of the Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, a professional association, Mr. Fox attended the convention of this important organization held in Detroit in 1948.

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Mr. Fox is a member of the Inglewood Lodge No. 421, F. & A. M. He belongs to American Legion Post No. 188, and is a Past Commander of Inglewood Post No. 2122, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He married Miss Jean Lawrence, who was born in Helena, Montana. Mrs. Fox did relief work during World War II and took part in other activities of the time for the local Christian Science Church, where she is a member.



LEONARD C. FOX



## **Frank Shipper**

Frank Shipper, executive secretary of the Inglewood Board of Realtors since October 1, 1948, was born near Inglewood April 4, 1910, son of William A. and Emma L. (Fisher) Shipper. His father has been actively interested in real estate for many years and is a large property owner.

Following his graduation from Inglewood High School, Frank Shipper entered U. C. L. A. and subsequently he took courses at the Sawyer School of Business in Los Angeles. His first business connection was with the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, and he remained with this company until 1946, except for his service in the Air Service during World War II, which covered the period 1942-1945.

For about two years, prior to taking his present position, Mr. Shipper was engaged in the real estate business in Inglewood, first on his own and later with Mark Todd.

He married Miss Clara Freeland, and they have one daughter, Patsy.

## **William Hall Kelso**

For more than thirty years of his lifetime, William Hall Kelso, beloved late pioneer and first Mayor of Inglewood, worked tirelessly toward the building and beautifying of this city. The Kelsos were here when the townsite of Inglewood was laid out. And he platted three blocks of the choicest residential property, in the vicinity of Hillcrest Boulevard and Kelso Street. This was on the sixty acres he purchased here soon after his arrival.

Mr. Kelso also was a leader in the move for the incorporation of the City, which went into effect February 7, 1908, as he was in every forward, progressive step for the best interests of the community as a whole.

He was born February 24, 1847, on the family homestead in Alleghany County, Pennsylvania. His ancestors came from Kelso in Scotland and settled in the Keystone State, where the family was prominent in agricultural pursuits and in coal mining development. One of the first of the oil wells in Pennsylvania was spudded in on the Kelso acres, not long after the historic original well there. Ninetieth anniversary of the drilling of the first well was observed in this year of 1949 at Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kelso was for six years a city trustee and, as chairman of the board, had the courtesy title of Mayor. He also was for one term a member of the California State Legislature from the Seventieth District, elected in 1902 on the Republican ticket. He also was a director of Occidental College for a decade.

He also was a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Inglewood and one of its most generous contributors.

On his sixty acres he engaged in the wholesale and retail nursery business for many years. Much of the land was subdivided, and on many of the lots he himself erected attractive homes, thereby contributing to the upbuilding of the city in a literal way.

On this area and others he set out whole blocks well planted with shrubs, trees and flowers, many still remaining on our tree-shaded streets.

Mr. Kelso, among numerous other activities, was one of the organizers and the vice-president of the old First National Bank of Inglewood, now a branch of the Security-First National Bank. He also was first vice-president of the Citizens Savings Bank. Kelso Street and the William H. Kelso School both were named in his honor.

He married in Pennsylvania the former Miss Mina C. Craig. They had two daughters, the late Edith A., who became the wife of Lyman O. Calkins, and Annie J., the wife of Arthur J. McFadden of Santa Ana.

## **Ted F. Merrill**

One of the foremost building contractors of Southern California is Ted F. Merrill, who moved his offices to Inglewood in September of 1942, and who has completed the construction of literally millions of dollars' worth of buildings in this part of the country in recent years. His is a record of accomplishment in the building trade which has rarely been equalled, and never surpassed, by any Inglewood organization.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Merrill was born November 17, 1904, the son of Frank C. and Blanche H. Merrill. Both parents died when he was a boy, and he was left an orphan at the early age of twelve. He attended grammar school and high school in Dayton, and also started his building apprenticeship there. He came to Los Angeles in 1924, started in the building trade, and at an unusually young age for such a responsibility, he began contracting on his own. For nearly a quarter of a century he has operated as a building contractor.

The greater portion of the jobs handled by Mr. Merrill are commercial and public structures, although all types of buildings have been handled by the Merrill organization, in many different parts of California. At Paso Robles, a large hospital was recently completed, and at Visalia, the Union High School is being built. The Sheriff's Sub-station at Lancaster was another job completed by Mr. Merrill. During the recent war, Mr. Merrill constructed parts of the Santa Ana Air Base for the government, as well as the Pomona Motor Base.



TED F. MERRILL



Numerous schools have been built by Mr. Merrill in and around Los Angeles. Units "E" and "O" of the Inglewood High School are his jobs, which represent an outlay of \$750,000. Just starting construction is the new Auditorium for the High School. The Henry E. Huntington School in San Marino is also one of Mr. Merrill's structures.

An interesting big job recently completed was the rebuilding and reconditioning of the Del Mar Club in Santa Monica after the disastrous fire there last year. The work totalled about \$400,000, and the club is now rated one of the finest in the country.

Mr. Merrill currently has the contract for the demolition of the Hollywood Park Race Track grandstand, which was almost completely destroyed by fire a few months ago. Also under construction is the new Inglewood Fire Station. As an indication of the size of the operations of this organization, it is interesting to note that Mr. Merrill employs from five hundred to seven hundred people on his various jobs.

Affiliations of Mr. Merrill include the Masons, Al Malaikah, Inglewood Shrine Club, Los Angeles Athletic Club, and Del Mar Club. In 1944 he served as a member of the Los Angeles County Grand Jury. He is also a member of Sheriff Biscailuz's Disaster Council.

Mr. Merrill married Miss Elizabeth Healy, a native of Los Angeles, in 1938, and they have the following children: Ted Stephen, Daniel H., and Bette Jeanne. Mr. Merrill also has a daughter and son by a previous marriage: Ruth Viola (Mrs. Gordon Marchal) and Warren T., a senior at U. S. C., who served with the Army Air Corps during the recent war. He has one grandchild, Robyn Ann Marchal.

### **Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle**

Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle, Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith, in Inglewood, since 1938, was born in Mendon, Michigan, on March 28, 1885, son of George W. and Ellen (Voorhees) Hinkle. He received his elementary education in his native town and then entered Kalamazoo College, from which institution he holds the degree of B.S. He subsequently matriculated at the University of Chicago and holds the degree of B.S. from this institution also. He began his theological training at the Rochester Seminary, where he was awarded the degree of B.D., and he subsequently returned to the University of Chicago and was granted the additional degree of Master of Arts in Theology there in 1916.

Originally, Mr. Hinkle was affiliated with the Baptist and Congregational Churches, and his initial charge was the First Baptist Church at Sterling, Illinois;

from there he went to Eaton, Colorado, and was pastor of the First Congregational Church in that city. From this position he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Congregational Churches in Colorado and Wyoming, and at the same time served as Secretary of the Colorado Home Mission Council.

Mr. Hinkle's first official connection with the Episcopal Church was as assistant to the Dean of St. John's Cathedral, in Denver, Colorado, and from there he went to Hastings, Nebraska, as Dean of St. Mark's Cathedral in that place. Next, he became Dean of the Church of the Redeemer, at Pendleton, Oregon, and then was made Archdeacon (Assistant to the Bishop) for Eastern Oregon.

Coming to the Church of the Holy Faith in Inglewood eleven years ago, Mr. Hinkle has become one of the most popular churchmen in this area, and it is significant that a very large number of people are attracted to his church from outside the city limits of Inglewood. Notwithstanding that he has had numerous opportunities to assume wider fields of activity than are presented here, Mr. Hinkle prefers to continue his work in this city, and his many friends and communicants here hope that he will remain indefinitely in Inglewood.

Mr. Hinkle was married (first) to Miss Katherine Hayes, who is deceased. He was married (second) to Miss Elma Flewelling, who is the daughter of the late Joseph Edward Flewelling, former Anglican priest, of New Brunswick, Canada. She served as secretary for twelve years of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Glendale. Mr. Hinkle has one daughter by his first marriage, Margaret, the wife of Orel A. Davidson, of Seattle.

A prominent Mason, Mr. Hinkle has attained the 32nd Degree and belongs to the Scottish Rite bodies in Long Beach. He is also a member of the Inglewood Kiwanis Club.

### **Martin J. Hurst, M. D., F. A. A. P.**

An eminent pediatrician of Inglewood is Dr. Martin J. Hurst, who took up practice in this city soon after his separation from the Service, and during the course of a comparatively short time he has become widely and favorably known in his specialty. An expertly trained man, he has taken numerous post-graduate courses in his specialty, and in addition to being Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatricians, he is also a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatricians.

The doctor was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 25, 1908, son of Max and Gertrude Hurst. He received his elementary education in his native city and then entered Washington Academy in St. Louis, where he took three years of pre-medical work and graduated from the medical school of that insti-





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tution. Following this, he interned at the University of Oklahoma Hospital, where he took work in pediatrics. From there, he went to the Willard Hospital for Contagious Diseases in New York City, and then, following a residency of a year and a half at the Buffalo Children's Hospital, he subsequently spent several months doing post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Dr. Hurst began practice in Kansas City in 1937, continuing until 1942, when he was commissioned in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army. From the rank of Lieutenant he was promoted to Captain, and finally to Major. He was stationed practically all of his four years in the service at the Port of Embarkation in New Orleans.

In addition to his other affiliations, Dr. Hurst is a member of the American, California, and Los Angeles County Medical Associations and is Attending Pediatrician at the Harbor Branch of the Los Angeles County General Hospital in Torrance.

The former Miss Caroline Rosenberg became the wife of Dr. Hurst. The doctor's hobby is gardening, and, interested in civic affairs, he is a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

## **Edward J. Culbertson**

Edward J. Culbertson, managing partner of the Century Chevrolet Company of Inglewood (which is jointly owned by him and his father, Gus Culbertson) is a native of Los Angeles, born September 26, 1922.

Ed. attended grammar school in Santa Barbara, Long Beach and Beverly Hills and following his graduation from Beverly Hills High School in 1940, entered the University of Utah where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He enlisted in the Navy Air Corps in 1942 but was not called into active service until 1943, and he served for three years.

Mr. Culbertson came out of the Service in March, 1946, and was employed by Central Chevrolet Company of Los Angeles as a new car and truck salesman until November 1, 1948, when he and his father purchased the Chevrolet Agency in Inglewood. The idea of becoming a Chevrolet Dealer had long been in his mind, due in part to the fact that his father was employed by General Motors Corporation for 24 years, the last eight of which he was Zone Manager for Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Corporation.

The Century Chevrolet Company is one of the largest automobile dealerships in Inglewood. In addition to the complete line of Chevrolet passenger cars, Chevrolet trucks are also handled. Fifty people are employed in the organization and exceptional facilities for sales and service are provided.

Associated with the Culbertsons in the Chevrolet dealership is W. B. Mullen, General Manager, who has resided in Los Angeles County for nearly fifty years and has been in the retail automobile business for the past twenty-five years.

### **D. Harry Griffith**

D. Harry Griffith, who retired as superintendent of the Inglewood City Water Department in the summer of 1949 after serving as head of the department almost a quarter of a century, or since April of 1925, has been a resident of Inglewood ever since 1893. After receiving his education in Inglewood schools, he followed in the footsteps of his late father, D. W. Griffith, as a farmer, for a number of years farming some 400 acres of the Daniel Freeman Ranch.

Subsequently he worked for a short time before joining the privately owned Inglewood Water Company, which was purchased by the city in 1906, and with the exception of one year, was with the department up to the time of his retirement. This was marked by a dinner of city officials, employees and civic leaders, with County Superintendent Raymond V. Darby as the speaker, extolling his outstanding record and faithfulness to duty. Mr. Griffith served through the years of the city's greatest growth and the manifold and serious problems incident thereto.

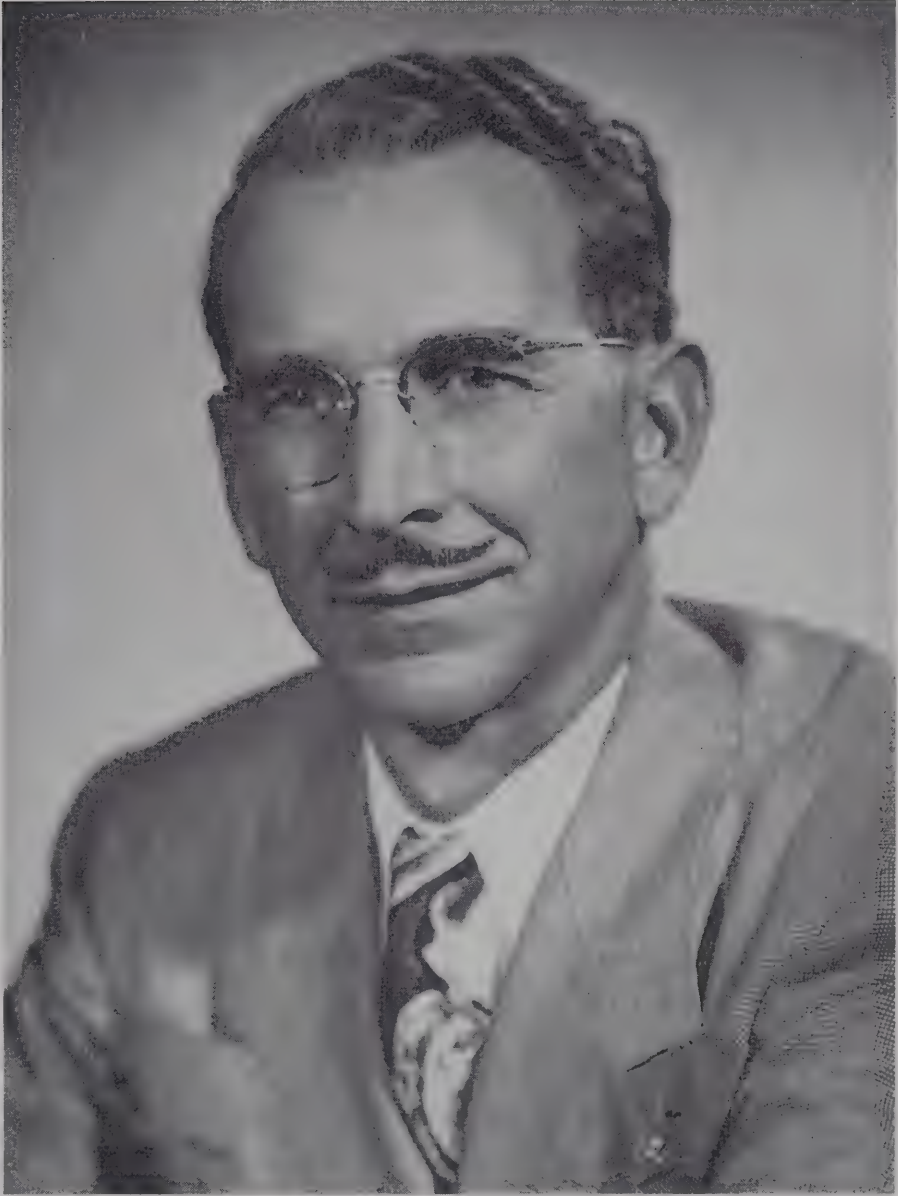
His wife was the former Miss Mabel Hunter, daughter of another pioneer resident. Their four children all were born in Inglewood: Eunice (Mrs. John Hilton), Helen (Mrs. O. C. Hollinger), Russell and Lee.

The retired city water superintendent was born in Colfax, Indiana, in 1879, and came here with his parents, where the senior Griffith engaged successfully in farming for many years.

### **Henry S. Ridings**

A resident of Inglewood for the past quarter of a century, Henry S. Ridings has taken a notable part in the building and construction business, both here and in other parts of Southern California, and in recent years he has also been active in real estate.

A native of Somerset, Kentucky, Mr. Ridings was born March 1, 1898, son of Craig A. and Margaret (Carrier) Ridings. In connection with the family history, it is interesting to note that Mr. Ridings' grandfather and father both were building contractors, as were his five brothers; so it is not surprising that he has followed in the same calling.



HENRY S. RIDINGS



Mr. Ridings received his education in the public schools of his native state, and as a youth went to Dayton, Ohio, where he learned the machinist trade with the National Cash Register Company, and while there he took night courses in salesmanship, psychology and engineering, given by the company. In Dayton he was drafted into World War I, but was never inducted into the Service.

It was in 1919 that Mr. Ridings came to California, his first position being as a stationary engineer with the Pacific Oil Company in Coalinga, where he remained a year. From there, he went to Taft, in which city he was with the Standard Oil Company for about a year and a half, and his next move was to Long Beach, where he was employed by a general contractor for another period of a year and a half. He then entered the general contracting business on his own in Long Beach. The following year, he located in Inglewood, and his home has been here ever since. For ten years he was with the United Artists motion picture studio in charge of construction of movie sets, and during this period he also engaged in general contracting in Inglewood, having built and sold numerous houses in this city during this period (1926-35).

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During the recent war, Mr. Ridings for three years served in a supervisory capacity for the Olmstead Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of airplane parts. Since the end of the war, he has continued in the building business, and he is also a real estate broker. In recent years he has continued building houses as well as commercial buildings, medical buildings and service stations. It is interesting to note that he supervised the construction of the first building for the telephone company in Inglewood.

Some years ago, Mr. Ridings achieved national publicity in saving the life of a faun which he found injured with a broken pelvis and other broken bones on the Mount Wilson highway. Defying a man to kill the faun, or to prevent him from taking the deer out of the mountains, he finally brought the animal to Centinela Hospital, where its bones were set by a leading Inglewood surgeon, and he ultimately kept the deer in his own back yard for a period of five years.

In addition to his connection with the government plants, during the recent war Mr. Ridings was commissioned Captain of the Civilian Defense organization, which group is now an auxiliary of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Ridings is a Realtor and is also identified with other important organizations, being a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, and past president of the Inglewood Shrine Club, and he was the organizer of the Inglewood Pyramid of Sciots, of which he is a former Toparch. He belongs to the First Methodist Church of Inglewood and is a member of its Finance Committee. He also belongs to the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

The former Miss Verna Mae North, a native of Moline, Illinois, became the wife of Mr. Ridings. She is active in church work as well as in the Inglewood Women's Club, and is a member of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Nile. Although Mr. and Mrs. Ridings have had no children of their own, they have reared two fine boys, Robert Newell Ridings and Raymond Craig Ridings, sons of his late brother.

### **George M. Green**

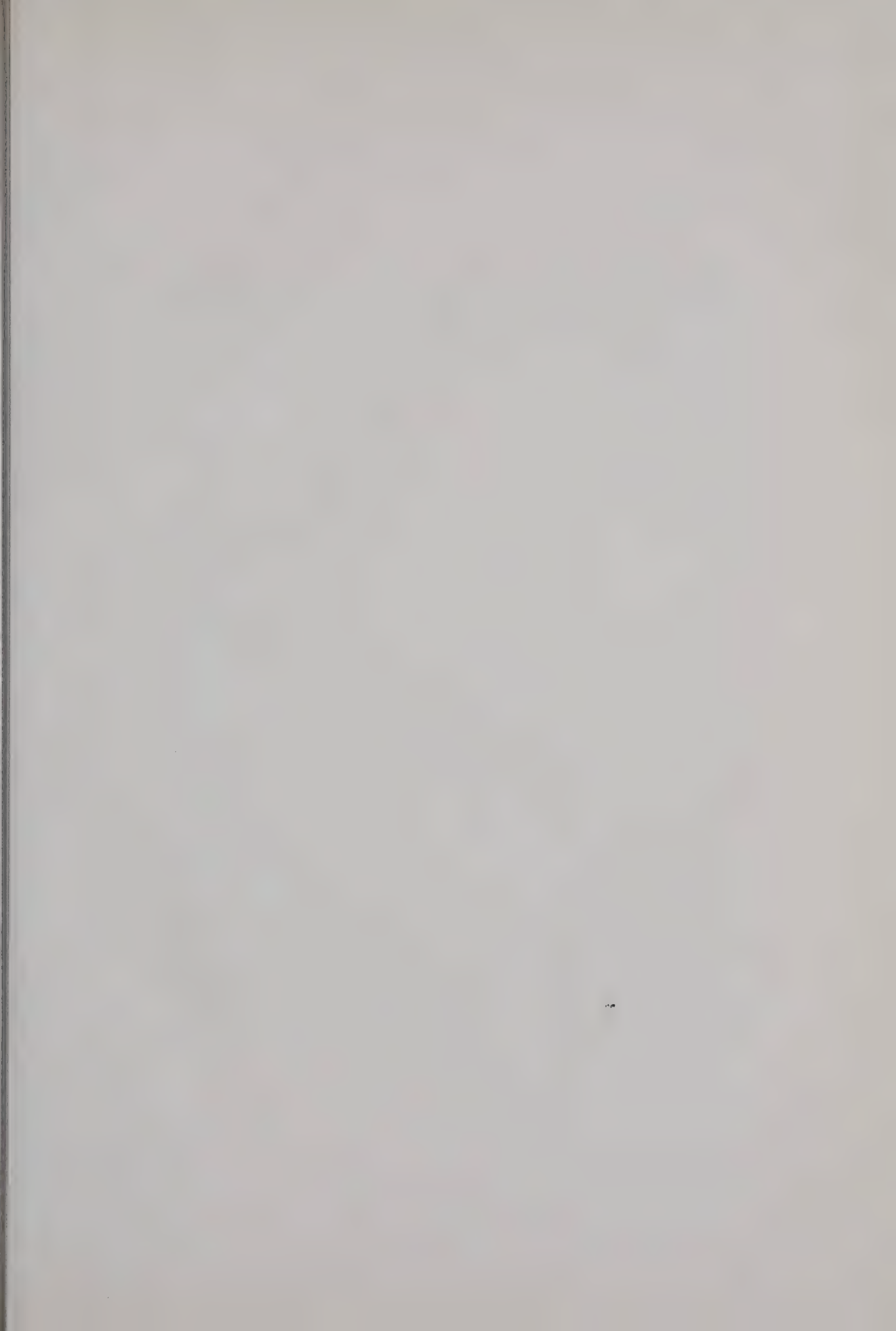
George M. Green, one of Inglewood's most popular and outstanding citizens, was principal of the Inglewood High School from 1913 to July 1, 1939, and was the second oldest high school principal, in length of service, in Southern California. When the Leuzinger High School was inaugurated, Mr. Green was made superintendent, and his jurisdiction covered not only the Inglewood High School but also the Leuzinger High School.

Mr. Green was born in Janesville, Pennsylvania, on April 17, 1871, the son of Jeremiah and Susanna (Church) Green. His father was a coal miner in Pennsylvania, and brought his family to California in 1876.

Mr. Green went to school at Placerville and Amador City, and as a young man worked in the mines in that section and for a time operated the first electric plant at Placerville. He subsequently entered the preparatory department of Napa College, and went to Stanford University in 1893, graduating four years later with the degree of A.B. His class was the second one to complete the four year course at Stanford—ex-President Hoover's class was the first one.

In 1898 Mr. Green became teacher of science and mathematics at the Colton High School, then at the end of three years he became City Superintendent of Schools in that place, and continued in this capacity until 1913, when he came to Inglewood.

George Green has had numerous activities outside of his regular school work, and he has always been ready to further the interests of any worthy cause. During World War I he was president of the local Red Cross Chapter. He is a prominent member of the local Rotary Club and his fraternal affiliations are with the Masons. (He is the oldest living Past Master of Colton Lodge). For twelve years he was secretary of the California Athletic Association, which controls athletics in the high schools of the state. He was affiliated with the high school and superintendents' division of the National Educational Association, and also a member of the California Secondary School Principals Association. The new Inglewood High School Auditorium is to be named in his honor.





J. L. GIBSON

Mr. Green married Miss Alice M. Jones, and they have two sons, Philip and Paul, both of whom went through grammar and high school at Inglewood. After college, each married, each has two children. Philip is a Public Accountant at Pasadena and Paul is manager of Venus Date Ranch at Indio, California.

### **J. L. (Hoot) Gibson**

The largest business in Inglewood in its line is the Gibson Motor Parts establishment, located at 401 South Market and founded by J. L. Gibson and his father in 1925. In addition to the main store in this city, a similar store is operated at Redondo Beach and another one is located at Western Avenue and Fifty-fourth Street in Los Angeles. The Gibson stores employ a total of about twenty-eight persons, and the business is ninety per cent wholesale. Complete stocks of practically every type of motor part, except tires, are carried, and a specialty is made of stocking nationally known standard and original equipment lines.

A native of Lexington, Illinois, J. L. "Hoot" Gibson was born January 26, 1897, his father being Reverend Hugh C. Gibson, and his mother Lizzie E. (Baldwin) Gibson. His father, formerly a Methodist minister, served as Chief Probation Officer of Los Angeles County and secretary of the Southern California Sunday School Association, was also a capable business man, and was active with his son and son-in-law in a hardware business in Huntington Park prior to the establishment of the Gibson Motor Parts firm, with which another son is also identified as a partner. The latter is Curtis C. Gibson.

J. L. Gibson graduated from Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles and immediately thereafter entered the hardware business in Huntington Park.

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Active in local affairs, Mr. Gibson belongs to the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge, and he is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. In Los Angeles, he is affiliated with the Jonathan Club.

A distinct honor was bestowed upon Mr. Gibson in his election as a director of the National Standard Parts Association, which office he held during 1945-47. He is currently secretary of the Pacific Automotive Show, which covers eleven Western states and holds an annual exhibit of automobile parts.

The Gibson Motor Parts firm is the owner of considerable valuable real estate in Inglewood in addition to the corner on which the business is located. J. L. Gibson has always been a firm believer in the future of this city and has given willingly of his time and means for community development.

### **William E. Kennedy**

William E. Kennedy holds three important Inglewood official positions all rolled into one—City Engineer, Street Superintendent and Director of Public Works, and has been with the city since 1923, when he became a draftsman in the Engineer's Department.

Mr. Kennedy was born at Anthony, Kansas, on January 9, 1891, son of Edmund A. and Jennie (Wise) Kennedy. He received his elementary and high school education in his native state, and graduated from the University of Arkansas with the degree of B.E.E. in 1914.

Soon after graduation, he became associated with the Cities Service Corporation, and was employed by this firm for a period of four years, first in Denver, then in Warren, Ohio, and later in Mansfield, Ohio. For five years prior to becoming connected with the local city government, he was with the Union Oil Company.

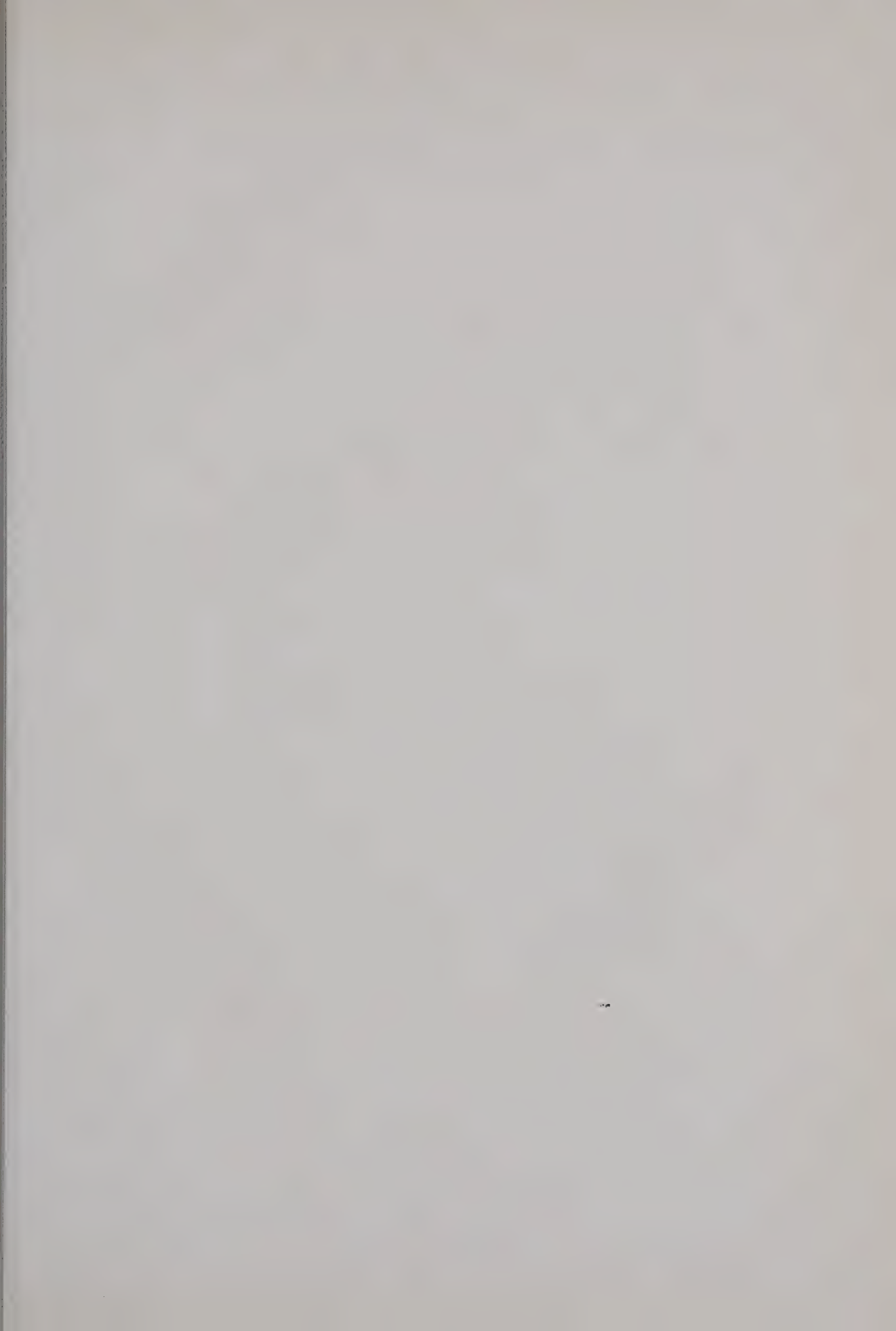
Mr. Kennedy is a member and former vice-president of the Lions Club. He married Miss Hazel E. Halbower, who is a talented artist. They have one daughter, Barbara, the wife of Victor Ziegler.

### **Austin P. Haller, M. D.**

Dr. Austin P. Haller, who holds an important position in the medical profession of Inglewood, is a native of Blair, Nebraska, born on September 14, 1908, son of Dr. William and Helen (Howes) Waller. His father, a retired dentist, is now living with his wife at Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Dr. Haller's pre-medical and medical courses were taken at the University of Nebraska, and he holds the degrees of A.B., B.Sc. and M.D. from this institution. He interned at the Bethany Methodist Hospital in Kansas City and was subsequently a resident at the Chicago Lying-In Hospital during 1935-1937 and at the Los Angeles County General Hospital during 1937-1938. In the latter year, he joined the Ross-Loos Medical Group in Los Angeles.

Dr. Haller's war record is of exceptional interest. Originally commissioned First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the United States Army in 1940, he was subsequently promoted to Captain, then to Major and finally to Lieutenant Colonel. He spent two years at Camp Roberts, California, then one year as Commanding Officer of a station hospital in New Orleans. He next was assigned as Commanding Officer of a field hospital at Camp Ellis, Illinois, and then he was given a similar position at Fort Lewis, Washington, as Commanding Officer of the 310th General Hospital, which unit was subsequently transferred to Jacksonville, Florida, and finally went to the Tinian Island in the South Pacific, remaining there for six months.





W. WELLINGTON FARROW

Soon after his release from military service, Dr. Haller came to Inglewood and was associated with Dr. J. B. Peterson for about a year and a half and then opened his own offices at 301 East Regent Street, and here he continues practice on his own, being a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Haller is a member of the American Medical Association and affiliated bodies; his service club is the Angeles Mesa Kiwanis; fraternally he belongs to the Masons; and he is a member of both the Inglewood and Crenshaw Chambers of Commerce.

The former Miss Hazel Groman, originally from Omaha, Nebraska, became the wife of Dr. Haller in 1931. They have one son, Austin P., Jr., age thirteen.

The doctor's hobbies are radio and television construction, American stamp collecting and cactus culture.

## **W. Wellington Farrow**

For many years, W. Wellington Farrow has occupied a foremost position in the legal profession of Southern California and, having practiced in Inglewood continuously since 1921, he is the third oldest lawyer, in length of practice, in this city.

Mr. Farrow was born near Natural Bridge, Virginia, the son of William Johnston Farrow and Emma McComb Farrow. The family is of distinguished lineage. Some of the ancestors on the paternal side were General Andrew Lewis, Colonel Andrew Lewis and Colonel Elijah McClanahan, all of whom were officers in the Revolutionary War. The latter, in the early days, owned the land where the City of Roanoke, Virginia, is now situated.

Mr. Farrow's early schooling was in Augusta County, Virginia, and he attended Augusta Military Academy, the public schools of Richmond, Virginia, and Richmond College. His legal training was taken at Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He came to California in May, 1911, and began the practice of law in Los Angeles in an office association with Ben Goodrich. Mr. Farrow established his residence in Inglewood during April of 1914, where he has lived continuously since that time.

Mr. Farrow is one of Southern California's distinguished attorneys, and although his offices have been in Inglewood for the past twenty-eight years, he is widely and favorably known throughout the Southwest as one of the most able members of the bar. In Inglewood he has handled much important litigation and has been closely connected with the banks in a legal capacity. He represented the largest stockholder interests in the sale of the Bank of Ingle-

wood to the Bank of America. He also represented as attorney both the Citizens Saving Bank and the Security Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles in the purchase of the stock of the Citizens Savings Bank by the latter bank, which is now the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Farrow was on the committee which purchased the land for the old Potrero Country Club, now called the Inglewood Country Club, when it was originally organized; and since the year 1933 when this property was acquired by the Manchester Avenue Company, he has been an officer and director of that company as well as its legal counsel.

During the recent war, Mr. Farrow served as Government Appeal Agent for Local Draft Board No. 259.

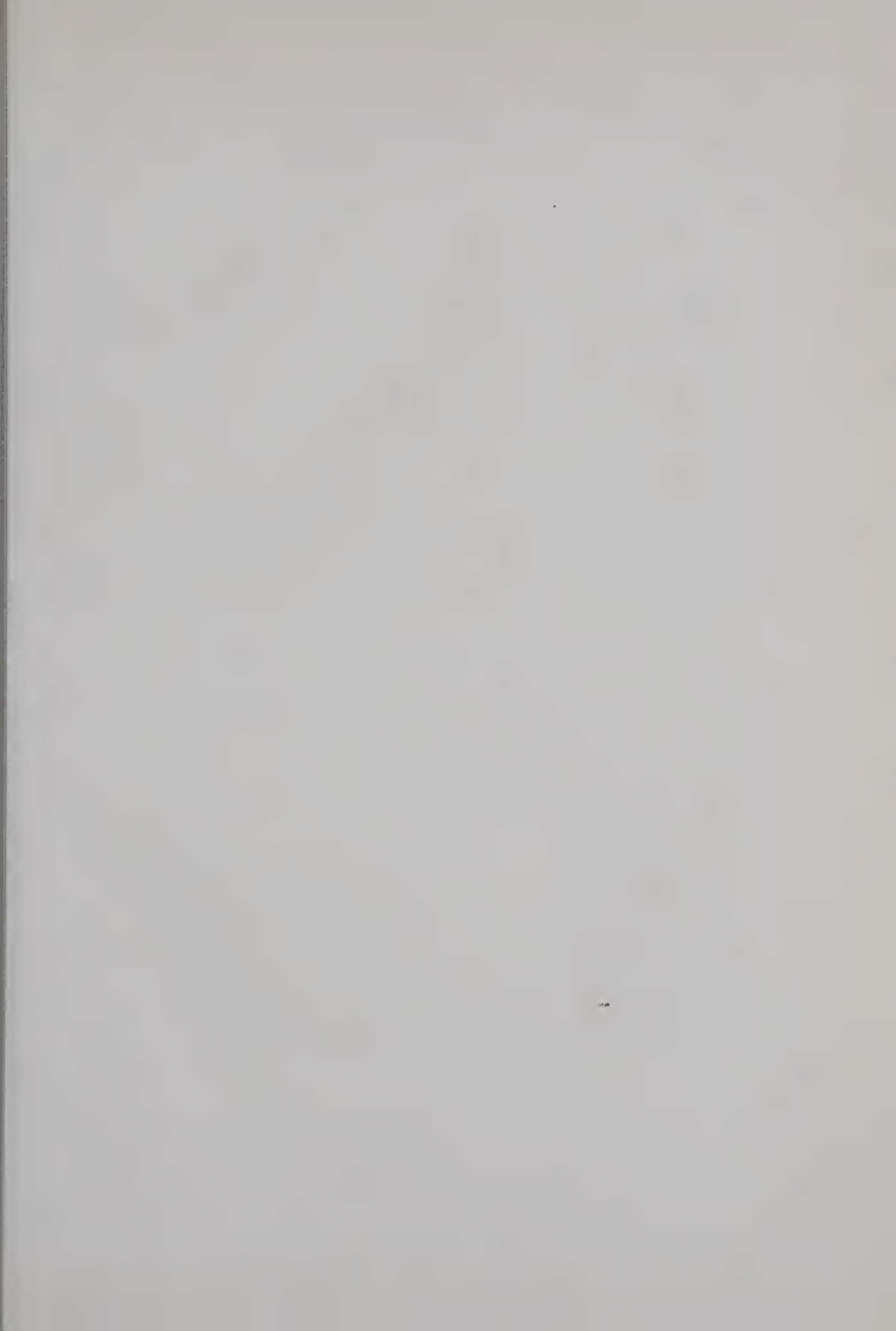
Identified with several local organizations, Mr. Farrow is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and he is past president of the Inglewood-South Bay Bar Association. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the California State Bar Association, the Los Angeles Bar Association, as well as the Inglewood-South Bay Bar Association. He is a member of Inglewood Lodge No. 421, of the Masonic Order; of Phi Gamma Delta college fraternity; and also, Sons of the American Revolution.

In 1940, Mr. Farrow married Ruth Bates of Los Angeles, and since that time they have continued to reside in Inglewood.

## **Helen Major**

The career of Helen Major of Inglewood is a very inspiring one. Finding herself in the position with two young children to support and with limited finances, she has in the course of the past few years achieved a substantial business success. Establishing in her home the A-1 Stenography Service, she subsequently moved the business to 223 East Regent Street, and ultimately she established the Helen Major Litho-Printing firm now located at 409 South La Brea, Inglewood. She has the distinction of having one of the first offset printing machines in Inglewood. This type of process plate printing offers exceedingly economical and fast service compared to the orthodox type of printing, and due to the splendid service rendered, Mrs. Major has built up a large business in the course of a comparatively short period.

A native of Chicago, Mrs. Major was born October 8, 1907, daughter of Warner B. and Mae (Churchill) Dutcher. It is interesting to note that her father is a native of Livermore, California, but has been in business in Chariton, Iowa, for over forty years. Prominent in the Odd Fellows, he is a past grand master of this order for the state of Iowa.





JOHN H. MORRIS

Mrs. Major graduated from Chariton High School, and as a young lady, engaged in secretarial work with the Firestone Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio, for two years, and then was successively with the brokerage firms of Prince and Whitely and Ettinger and Brand—both in Akron. It was in Akron that she met and married Joseph C. Major from whom she is now divorced.

In 1937 the Major family moved to California. For a short time, Mrs. Major was employed as a secretary for the Imperial Irrigation District in the Imperial Valley, and she subsequently was a telephone operator for the Southern California Telephone Company in that area. In 1939 Mrs. Major became a resident of Los Angeles and two years later took up residence in Inglewood.

In July, 1942, she accepted a position with the Automobile Club of Southern California as secretary to the Assistant Underwriting Manager and she continued in this capacity until February, 1945, when she established her stenography business in Inglewood.

Prominent in civic affairs, Mrs. Major is a past president of the Inglewood Soroptimist Club, former secretary and currently a director of the Morningside Park Improvement Association, and an active member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Inglewood.

Mrs. Major's two children are Joanne and Jerry.

## **John H. Morris**

John H. Morris, owner and operator with Mrs. Morris of the Bessie Clark Dance Studio and Pacific Talent Academy of Inglewood, has had a long and interesting career and during the course of nearly twenty years in Inglewood, the Studio and Academy have grown to be very important institutions and draw students from a wide area of this county. It is particularly significant that some of these students come from Hollywood to take courses under the talented instruction of Mr. Morris' staff.

A native of Akron, Ohio, Mr. Morris was born June 27, 1891, son of William H. and Margaret (Griffiths) Morris. His father was a merchant and manufacturer of wagons in Ohio.

The early school days of Mr. Morris were in Akron, and he graduated from Copley High School, in the town of Copley. Later, he studied law at Baldwin Wallace University, in Ohio, and received the degree of LL.B. In his younger days, he was with the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company for a time and he also served as secretary of the Sinking Fund Commission of the city of Cleveland for several years. He ultimately engaged in the construction business, with headquarters in Cleveland, and during this period also maintained a law practice in that city.

It was in 1938 that Mr. Morris and his wife came to California. Having been active as a dance instructor in his early youth, he became interested in the executive end of the business in California, and he became identified with dancing academies in Huntington Park, East Los Angeles, Alhambra, Torrance and Long Beach prior to coming to Inglewood. It was in 1942 that he purchased a half interest in the Bessie Clark Studio in this city, and the following year became the sole owner of the studio, with which is affiliated the Pacific Talent Academy.

These two highly-rated institutions offer all types of dancing instruction, including ballroom, tap, ballet, toe dancing, and instruction in modeling, voice, art and piano, as well as drama. Courses are given both during the day and evening, and the dozen instructors are all highly trained, each a specialist in his or her profession.

The Bessie Clark Dance Studio and Pacific Talent Academy are located upstairs at 108 North La Brea, and a total of twelve thousand square feet are included in the floor space utilized by the two schools.

Mrs. Morris was formerly Elinor Davies, and she has always been associated with her husband as manager and registrar of the Dance Studio and Talent Academy. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Morris are Mrs. Dorothy E. Brown; John H., Jr.; Patricia, who teaches art in the talent academy and also at the Los Angeles Art Institute; and William H.

For relaxation, Mr. Morris enjoys gardening and vacation trips with Mrs. Morris by automobile.

### **Peary B. Berger, M. D.**

It is doubtful if there is another citizen of Inglewood who has a more outstanding record of service in World War II than Dr. Peary B. Berger, who has practiced medicine in Inglewood since his release from the Service. Having been an officer in the Reserve Corps, he was among the first to be called to active duty from the State of Ohio after the United States entered the conflict. As a medical officer attached to the Infantry, he was promptly sent overseas, and after spending about nine months in Ireland, he was assigned to North Africa, and later to Italy. During his entire time abroad, he was with combat troops and participated in engagements at Tunisia, Salerno, Cassino, Anzio, Volturno and in Rome. During the course of his service, he was wounded three times. He has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in an engagement in Tunisia, in North Africa, on March 23, 1943; the Bronze Star for an heroic achievement in action in Italy; and the Purple Heart in recognition of his wounds. Originally commissioned Lieutenant, Dr. Berger was sub-

sequently promoted to Captain and finally to Major, which rank he still holds in the Reserve Corps.

A native of Burlington, Vermont, Dr. Berger was born February 6, 1909, son of Henry and Gusse (Rabinowitz) Berger. He received his elementary education in Burlington and then entered the University of Vermont, from which institution he holds the degrees of B.S. and M.D. He interned at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, and began practice in Englewood, Ohio, where he continued until called to active service in the Medical Corps.

It was in January, 1946, that Dr. Berger established himself in Englewood. During the course of the past four years, he has built up a large following and is particularly skilled in obstetrics and pediatrics.

He is a member of the American Medical Association and affiliated bodies and is local examiner for the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

Continuing his interest in military affairs, Dr. Berger is a member of the American Legion.

He married Miss Ann Freeman, a native of Los Angeles. They have three children: Tamra Ruth, Alexis Joan and Heidi Susan. The oldest daughter was born while Dr. Berger was in the Service and he did not see her until she was two and a half years old.

## **George M. Sutton**

One of the most prominent and successful businessmen in Englewood, and an outstanding civic leader, the late George M. Sutton, local Ford dealer, left an enviable name and reputation in Englewood, and will long be remembered as a man who commanded the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

Mr. Sutton was born in Lyons, Kansas, on November 15, 1883, the son of Frank G. and Emma (Terry) Sutton. When he was only six years old the Sutton family moved to El Reno, Oklahoma, and here George Sutton received his grammar and high school education. Following this he was for two years in the circulation department of the Kansas City Star. He next engaged in the poultry business in Hobart, Oklahoma, and for a year operated a book and stationery stand in the lobby of the post office at Chickasha, Oklahoma. Subsequently, he entered the hotel business, acquiring a third interest in hostelrys at Chickasha and Lawton, Oklahoma. In 1909 he sold out his interest in these two hotels, and for five years operated one of his own at Waurika, Oklahoma.

It was in 1915 that Mr. Sutton entered the automobile business. With headquarters in Oklahoma City, he obtained the state agency for the Mitchell car, and also had the sales rights for the Chevrolet in eleven counties. He continued with these lines until 1920, and the following year came to California.

In 1921, Mr. Sutton purchased the Ford Agency in Inglewood, and continued active in the business until the end of his life February 19, 1948. During the course of twenty-seven years, he built up one of the largest businesses of its kind in Los Angeles County. Endowed with a happy faculty for welding into one harmonious whole the many varied elements that always go to make up any organization or body of men, Mr. Sutton succeeded during his years of business activity in Inglewood in building up an unexcelled sales and service force in his business, the total personnel of which rose to fifty.

Active in numerous organizations, Mr. Sutton was a charter member of the Bay District Motor Car Dealers Association and a former director of the group; he was the first president of the reorganized Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, serving from 1922-1924; he was a charter member and past president of the Inglewood Rotary Club; he was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and had long been actively interested in the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, of which he served as a Deacon and Elder, and it has been said that his life literally centered around his church.

Mr. Sutton married the former Miss Cora Ethel Shaffer, and the two children of this happy union are Ethel Louise, the wife of Harry Fuller, of Burbank; and George M. Sutton, Jr., who biography follows.

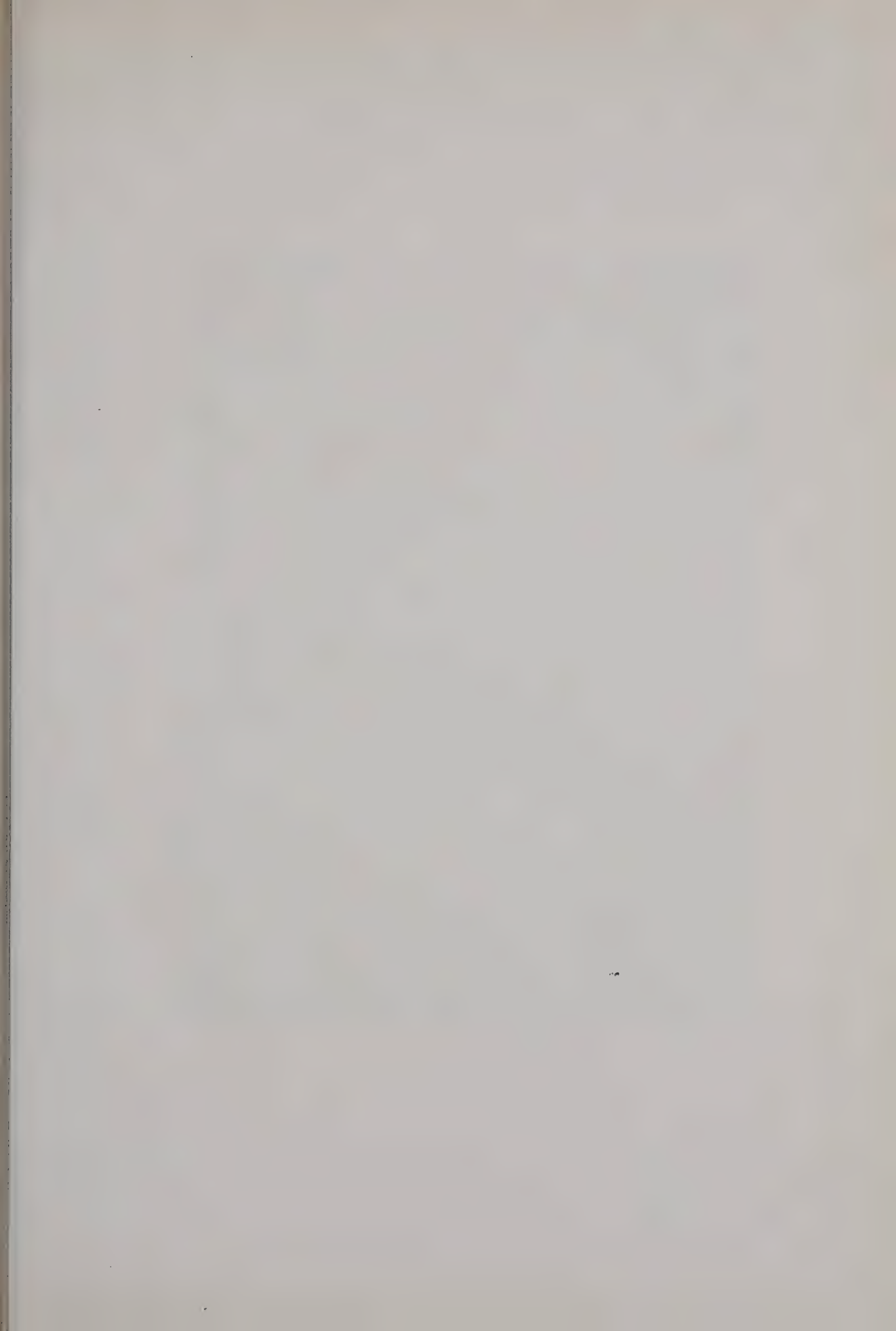
### **George M. Sutton, Jr.**

George M. Sutton, Jr., active head of the business established by his late father, the George M. Sutton Company, Ford dealers, is one of Inglewood's most able young business executives and, in addition to his business career, he has a record of achievement in other respects which entitles him to a prominent place in the community.

Born in Los Angeles on October 16, 1923, he was educated in Inglewood and was a noted athlete during his high school days. He was on the football team four years, and was named tackle on the All-Bay League football team and was on the second All-Southern California team. He was president of the Big "I" Club, and during his senior year he received the American Legion award as the "Boy of the Year."

Immediately after graduation from high school, Mr. Sutton joined his father's business, and filled virtually every position in the organization so that he literally knows the business from the ground up.

His business career was interrupted by his service in the United States Army during World War II. Enlisted in the Infantry, he had his feet frozen during the Battle of the Bulge, and ultimately spent several months in a

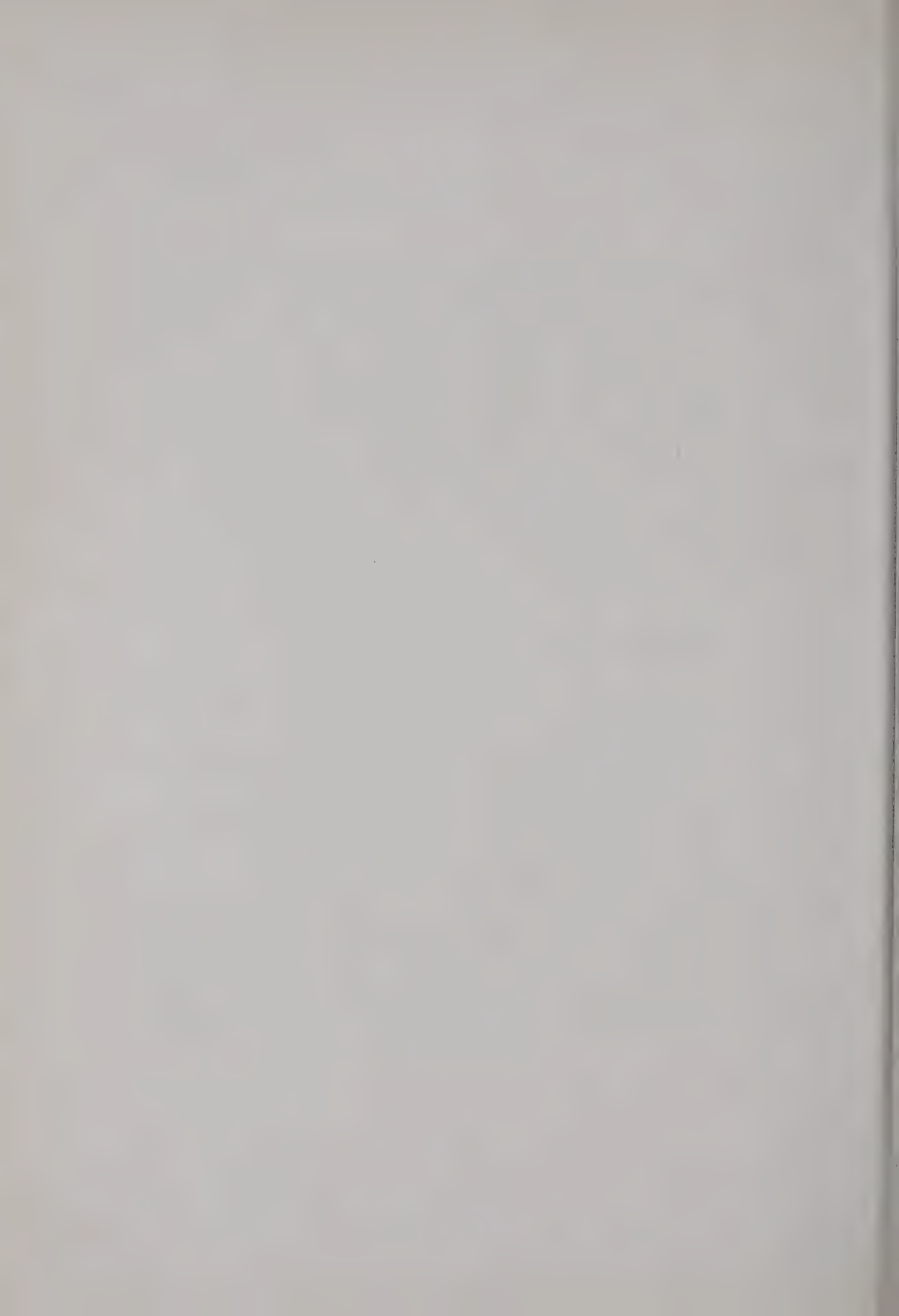




GEORGE M. SUTTON



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hospital and was finally given a medical discharge. He received the award of the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and several other awards.

In March, 1946, George M. Sutton, Jr., became a partner in his father's business, and in December, 1947, shortly before his father's death, he assumed entire management of the business, and has since been accepted by the Ford Motor Company as the Ford Dealer of Inglewood, thus carrying on the oldest dealership in Inglewood.

Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Sutton takes a prominent part in civic affairs, one of his greatest interests being the Y.M.C.A., of which he is currently president in Inglewood. He is a member of several committees of the local Chamber of Commerce, and is chairman of the Automobile Dealers Safety Council of Inglewood, former secretary of the Bay District Motor Car Dealers Association, and secretary-treasurer of the Inglewood Motor Car Dealers Association.

Mr. Sutton met and married his wife, the former Miss Marjorie Lois Hayworth, in the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, of which he is former secretary of the Board of Deacons. Mrs. Sutton is also active in church affairs and is past president of the Women's Junior Auxiliary, and sings in the Cathedral Choir.

The Sutton children are Anne Christine, Laurel Lee and George Marshall.

### **Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Miller**

An interesting and inspiring story is shown in the career of S. L. Miller, who has had a wide and varied business experience and has made an exceptional record as a breeder of chinchillas in recent years. What was originally a hobby for him and Mrs. Miller ultimately developed into an excellent business, and as breeders of this rare animal, the Millers have become widely known throughout the country.

A native of Grand Island, Nebraska, Mr. Miller was born February 25, 1894, son of Silas M. and Harriett Ann Miller. He received his early education in the public schools of Nebraska, and coming to California with his parents when a youth, he continued his education here, finally attending Manual Arts High School. As a young man, he followed various occupations, including employment with the Pacific Sash and Door Company and with the E. J. Stanton Lumber Company in Los Angeles. While still employed in Los Angeles, he made his home in Inglewood, having first taken up residence here in 1913. For a time, he was employed by the Hawthorne Furniture Company.

In 1917, Mr. Miller married Miss Vera Holdredge, daughter of Earl H. and Kate B. (Todd) Holdredge. The Holdredge family came to Inglewood

in 1903. Mr. Holdredge was with the Inglewood Mercantile Company for some years and was employed by the City of Inglewood for some time and was also the operator of the City Meat Market. Mrs. Miller's grandfathers were both pioneer settlers of Minnesota. She is a product of Inglewood schools, having attended both elementary and high school in this city. As a young lady, she worked for her father in his meat market for several years. She has been interested in P.-T.A. work in the past and is an active member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller lived and ranched for a few years in Hemet, California, and there their daughter, Dorothy, was born. She is now the wife of Gordon D. Wild, and they have a Chinchilla farm in the Antelope Valley. Mrs. Wild graduated from Inglewood High just 23 years after her mother.

After three years in Hemet, Mr. Miller joined the Standard Oil Company and was first stationed in Taft, California, and later was with the company in various other Southern California communities, including Santa Fe Springs, Huntington Park, Torrance and Inglewood. It was after his return to this city that he and Mrs. Miller started the business of breeding chinchillas as an avocation. However, they became so interested in these little animals that Mr. Miller finally gave up his position with the Standard Oil Company and for several years has devoted his entire time to the breeding, care, and sale of these animals all over the United States. Currently, there are some four hundred chinchillas in the Miller Farm, about one-third of which are owned, and the balance have been sold to others, but are being raised and cared for by the Millers.

Mr. Miller is a member of the Chinchilla Breeders Association of America, and a former member of its Board. Locally, he belongs to the Lennox Chamber of Commerce.

### **Frank A. Ewing**

For many years Frank A. Ewing has occupied a foremost position in the business and civic life of the Lennox area district of the Centinela Valley. As owner and operator of a large feed and fuel business he built up a very successful commercial undertaking, and drew customers from over a wide area. Coming to Inglewood in 1921, he first engaged in the poultry business here. Not long afterwards he purchased the Whilhite feed business in Lennox, and subsequently acquired an interest in the Blackie feed store of Inglewood, but sold out this latter interest after about one year. Then he continued in business for himself until 1943 at Lennox, but with branches in Inglewood and Hawthorne. He sold out in 1943, since which time he has engaged in the real



MR. AND MRS. S. L. MILLER



estate and insurance business at Lennox in partnership with James C. Haines.

For three years Mr. Ewing was a member of the Inglewood Union High School Board. During the recent war he was chairman of the Selective Service Board which covered Lennox, Hawthorne, and El Segundo—a larger district than that covered by the Inglewood board. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the old Bank of Hawthorne, and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Inglewood Federal Savings and Loan Association since its inception.

For a number of years Mr. Ewing was a member of the Hawthorne Lions Club, and later was affiliated with the Inglewood Lions Club. He has long been interested in the Boy Scouts, and has been chairman of the Centinela Valley Council, and currently is a member of the Executive Council. He holds the award of the Silver Beaver for Boy Scout work.

Mr. Ewing was born at Olathe, Kansas, in 1884, the son of Charles Henry and Jean Ewing. His father was a farmer and went from Chicago to Kansas in 1861. After attending grammar school in the country districts, he entered the high school of his native town, and subsequently spent two years at the University of Kansas, and then one year at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. In college he belonged to the Sigma Chi fraternity. In 1906 he came to California and for a time did surveying work near Stockton on the levees. He followed surveying and engineering for a number of years on the Pacific Coast, and was for three years with the Southern Pacific Railroad and twelve years with the Portland Railroad Light and Power Company.

The former Miss Merle Elder, of Olathe, Kansas, became the wife of Mr. Ewing. They have one son, Robert, a graduate of the University of Southern California, who spent four years in the United States Army during World War II, and is now with the Alcoa Aluminum Company in Huntington Park.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Herbert K. Smith**

An Inglewood jeweler for over twenty years, and a man who was prominent in civic, fraternal, church and cultural activities, the late Herbert K. Smith left a deep impress on this community and will long be remembered as not merely a successful businessman, but one who had the sincere interest of the community at heart. His long and colorful career in the jewelry trade is an inspiring story, and his numerous activities made his life a particularly well rounded one.

A native of Helena, Montana, Mr. Smith was born on January 13, 1871, and passed away in Inglewood on October 17, 1948. He was brought to California at the tender age of two, and attended the Spring Valley Grammar

School in San Francisco. When he was fifteen, he returned to his mother's home in Long Island and finished his schooling in that part of the country. While still a youth, he began to learn the watchmaking and jewelry trade, and after having been identified with businesses in this line in and around New York, he went to New Orleans, where he remained for fourteen years, becoming vice-president and general manager for the White Brothers Jewelry Company, and while in this connection, he met his future wife, the former Miss Merle Powe. Shortly after their marriage, Mr. Smith established a jewelry business of his own in New Orleans, and Mrs. Smith became associated with him in his store there, and continued active in his jewelry stores from then on.

Disposing of his business in New Orleans, Mr. Smith came to California and established a jewelry store in Hermosa Beach, but after only five years there he moved his business to Inglewood, becoming the second jeweler in this city. His well-conducted store has long been rated as one of the leading businesses of its kind in this part of Los Angeles County, and the excellent stock of goods carried, together with the splendid service rendered, has made the Smith Jewelry Store one of the most popular businesses of any kind in Inglewood.

Outside of his business, Mr. Smith had numerous other activities. Before coming to California, he was active as the leader of the Shrine Band in New Orleans, and was widely known in musical circles as an expert cornet player. He was choir master for many years at the Church of the Holy Faith, where he was base soloist. He was formerly leader of the boys' band sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and of the Elks Antlers Band.

Joining the Masonic Lodge at the age of twenty-one, he soon afterward became a Shriner. He was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple and the Inglewood Shrine Club.

He was an active member of the State and National Jewelers' Associations, and was a former president of the Louisiana State Jewelers Association. He was a member of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Association.

His lifelong interest in sports started as a young man and he became a champion bicycle rider and after winning laurels in this country, he participated in races in England. Old-timers say he was a crack tennis player when he first came to Inglewood. He was a former yachtsman and for a time was an auto racer, having helped build a racing car.

Mr. Smith was also an inventor and manufacturer of jewelry. He is said to have invented the first coin counting machine. One of his inventions has been used at the United States mint in San Francisco. Besides items of jewelry, he invented the Merle wrist watch band.

Mrs. Herbert K. Smith continues to own and operate the jewelry store, and because of her experience and charming personality, the business is being





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conducted with the same success as during Mr. Smith's lifetime. She is a designer of jewelry and has unusual talent along these lines. Many of the most beautiful pieces of jewelry worn by Inglewood society matrons were her creations. She has made an intensive study of diamonds and is considered an authority on these precious stones. She is frequently called upon to make expert appraisals of them.

Mrs. Smith was born in New Orleans and was educated in private schools there. She is a daughter of the late William B. Powe and Mollie (Morse) Powe. In connection with the family history, it is interesting to note that her maternal grandfather, Judge Joshua Morse, was Attorney General of the State of Alabama, and her grandmother was a singer of note.

Mrs. Smith has been very active in community affairs, having been president of the Inglewood Women's Club for two years in succession, and she is a former president of the Kiwanees. She also belongs to the local Soroptimist Club and the Ebell Club of Los Angeles. Her church is the Episcopal. She is an associate member, by invitation, of the American Gem Society, and belongs to other trade organizations.

In remaining in the jewelry business, Mrs. Smith is carrying out her late husband's desire, as it was always his hope that she would continue active in this business after he passed away.

### **Robert E. Cralle, Ed. D.**

Dr. Robert E. Cralle, Superintendent, Inglewood City Schools, was born in Louisville, Kentucky, December 26, 1894, the son of Rod K. and Dixie (Barker) Cralle. His father was a rancher in San Diego County, and Dr. Cralle graduated from high school in San Diego, and holds the degrees of A.B. and M.A. from the University of California. He has also taken graduate work at the University of Southern California and was awarded the degree of Ed. D. from that institution in 1944.

Dr. Cralle began his teaching career in Alameda, California, where he became a Vice-Principal and teacher, in the elementary schools. From there he went to the City of Westwood in Lassen county, where he was High School Principal and District Superintendent. He came to Inglewood as Deputy Superintendent and Business Manager, Inglewood City Schools, and since the retirement of George W. Crozier, in 1932, has been Superintendent.

Dr. and Mrs. Margaret Cralle have three children: Caroline Shelby, Olivia Singeton, and Robert Kenner.

Dr. Cralle is a member of Pi Delta Kappa educational fraternity, the National Educational Association, the California Teachers Association, and the

National Administrators Association. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Masons, and the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce. He is a Lecturer in Education at the University of Southern California.

It is interesting to note that when Dr. Cralle assumed his present position in Inglewood, there were only 2,800 students, 100 instructors and 5 buildings comprised in the elementary system; now (1949), there are approximately 5,200 students, 200 teachers and 10 school buildings—marked evidence of the remarkable growth of Inglewood in the recent years.

### **Frank A. Zillgitt (Autobiography)**

I was born in Lake City, Minnesota, October 15, 1870, and was one of six children. The family moved to Wahpeton, North Dakota, in the spring of 1882 with two carloads of livestock and lumber. My father had made the necessary homestead improvements the previous year by building a sod house, 12 by 20 feet, on a quarter section of prairie land, twenty-one miles from the nearest trading point, which was Wahpeton. We had no marketing crop the first year, nor wood or coal, and very little money. Be that as it may, we managed to pull through the first long, cold winter by burning wild prairie hay, called Blue Joint, which proved to be equally as good for stock as it was for heating purposes. We had prepared stacks of this Blue Joint. For the home, we had a hay stove, which is just an old-fashioned cook stove with a deep fire box. To get hay in shape to burn, we would twist the Blue Joint in rolls like coarse stove wood, raise the weight, pack the fire box full, and when it was well ignited, we would release the weight and then we would have a good hot stove for an hour. When there was a blizzard and 40° below zero, we often fired all night.

With the coming of the Chicago-Milwaukee Railroad through our section of the country in 1888, the town of Fairmount sprang up only two miles from our farm. So, I got the urge to open a confectionery and grocery store. My capital was limited and as Clint Spaulding's dad has jokingly remarked, "When Frank Zillgitt first went into business, his stock and trade was a keg of apple cider and a pair of boxing gloves." I was Postmaster at Fairmount, North Dakota, four years under President Grover Cleveland's Administration.

Miss Emma Burt was the editor and publisher of the Fairmount News back in North Dakota. It was there also that I met Emma. We were married December 13, 1893. A happy and loving wife and mother, to the end.

I arrived in Inglewood in 1901 with a carload of merchandise, house furniture and a matched team of gray horses. The boxcar was sidetracked at the Santa Fe Depot with no public platform for unloading. After considerable



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anxiety about what to do, a gentleman by the name of James Kew came to my rescue. He asked what was in the car and I informed him I had a team of horses that I would like very much to unload. He told me to "sit tight" and he would be back as soon as he got a car jack at the Freeman Warehouse which was more than a block away. Sure enough, Kew got the car there in a very short time. He told me to leave my supplies there until I could find a suitable place, no charge. Thanks again, Mr. James Kew!

I established the Inglewood Mercantile Company, the first general store in the City. I was also Postmaster of Inglewood for three years.

Colonel Daniel Freeman's good advice to me was to buy real estate. Mr. Freeman had friends in France who had bought lots during "the boom" in Inglewood and were anxious to sell at a very low figure. Mr. Freeman would say, "I think if you would offer \$450.00 for three 50-foot lots at the southwest corner of Regent and Market Streets, you would make a good buy." I said, "O. K!"—also another eight 25-foot lots at the corner of Manchester and Locust Streets, together with a five-room house and two 25-foot lots at Market and Manchester which Mr. Freeman said the owner wanted to sell for \$2,500.00 and he considered this a real bargain. Again I said, "O. K." Mr. Freeman came in in about six weeks with the deeds and titles. The latter two lots are now occupied by the Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association and were purchased by President "Sandy" Anderson at a figure which showed the confidence placed in Inglewood's future was not ill advised by Mr. Freeman.

I pioneered the first picture show in Inglewood. For our musical entertainment, we had my good friend, Judge Monroe with his violin, Mrs. Weaver at the piano, and her son as songster, who usually opened the nightly show by singing his theme song, "Pretty Redwing."

I studied the degree work of good Masonry and became a member of the Inglewood Lodge 421 in 1915 through Worshipful Master John Aerick. I am also a member of the Shrine Nobility in Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles, California.

After disposing of my banking interests, we organized the Citizens Mortgage and Investment Company which is a Zillgitt family corporation. We buy and make high class real estate loans and sell same to our clients and the public to earn them a handsome rate of interest.

I am exceedingly proud and happy to have the splendid association with two of California's outstanding financial institutions. I have the honor of being Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Inglewood Branch of the Security-First National Bank and being a director of the Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association and it gives me a great deal of pleasure.

I have three sons, Lester, Russell and Maxwell; two daughters, Gladys (widow of Col. Hollis L. Muller), and Constance Elaine (Mrs. J. Arthur

Snowden). Three lovely daughters-in-law, three grandsons and two little darling granddaughters, all are fine and dandy.

### **Milford (Mil) Zillgitt**

Owner and operator of the largest and most successful appliance business in the Centinela Valley, and a representative of an old and distinguished Inglewood family, Milford Zillgitt, commonly known in business and social circles as "Mil," has a phenomenal record of accomplishments in one of the most competitive businesses.

Born at Fairmount, North Dakota, on March 18, 1907, Mil Zillgitt is a son of the late Charles and Otelia L. Zillgitt. His father was for a number of years in the postal service and for a time was connected with the American Express Company.

The subject of this sketch received his education in Inglewood and during school days he worked after hours and in vacations for his uncle, George, who operated the Zillgitt Department Store in this city. He next worked for Fred Pardee, the electrical dealer, and handled radios on the side. After a few months, he entered the radio business for himself at 130 South Market Street, with borrowed capital of \$500.00. This was his beginning in the electrical appliance business, and during the course of the past twenty-odd years he has become one of the most prosperous businessmen in Inglewood. The growth of the Zillgitt organization has literally kept pace with the tremendous growth of Inglewood. In 1947, Mr. Zillgitt completed the construction of his new \$100,000 building at 335 East Manchester Boulevard. This building was actually designed by Mr. Zillgitt while hospitalized as a result of World War II wounds. Every possible detail was carefully worked out to provide for the utmost in display space, service facilities, and for the general comfort of customers. The total personnel employed in the store aggregates about twenty, and in addition to carrying on a very large sale of practically every kind of electrical appliance, the service department also does an exceedingly large business. With the exception of some of the chain organizations, the Zillgitt store is one of the largest retail establishments of any type in Inglewood, and the growth and success of the business is attributable largely to Mr. Zillgitt's personality and thorough knowledge of the various lines carried.

Mr. Zillgitt spent three years on active service during World War II, and part of this time overseas, having been wounded in action at St. Low, France. He ultimately became a patient at De Witt Hospital, from which he was discharged in October, 1945, although he still suffers from the effects of his wounds. While in the Service, his business was capably carried on by a manager.



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Mr. Zillgitt has other business interests in addition to his store, being the owner of considerable valuable real estate in Inglewood. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Elks, Masons and Shrine, as well as the Inglewood Shrine Club. His favorite hobby is outdoor life, and he is the owner of five horses.

## **Ida E. Sunderlin**

Head of the Home Economics Department of the Inglewood Union High School for almost a generation, and president of the Faculty Club for two years, Mrs. Ida E. Sunderlin is widely known nationally in the branch of education to which she has devoted a large portion of her life. Due to her numerous affiliations and because of the frequent addresses she has made, she has done a tremendous amount to advance the interest of home economics and to encourage the study of it. She resigned her position with the High School in 1946.

Mrs. Sunderlin was born in Marenisco, Michigan, the daughter of William DeWitt and Frances (Green) Ellsworth. Her early schooling was in Eveleth, Minnesota, and she later attended Punahou Academy in Honolulu and the University of Hawaii, where she spent two years. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin with the degree of B.S. and has taken post-graduate work at the University of Southern California and at Oxford.

Mrs. Sunderlin began her teaching career in Minnesota, and subsequently taught for a year at the University of Wisconsin. It was in 1917 that she and her husband came to Inglewood, where she assumed charge of the Home Economics Department of the local high school. At this time, the Department was one of the smallest in the school, but during the course of the years it grew to be one of the largest and most popular departments in the institution.

Among the many organizations with which Mrs. Sunderlin is affiliated is the American Home Economics Association. She has attended numerous national conventions of the organization. During the administration of President Hoover, she received an invitation from him to attend the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection. She has also attended women's conferences on industrial relations. Considered an authority on child care, she has made literally hundreds of addresses on this subject before service clubs and Parent-Teacher Associations in various parts of Southern California. She is a former president of the California and Southern California Home Economics Associations, and for seven years was Pacific Regional Counsellor of the American Home Economics Association. Other affiliations include the National Family Relations Association, National Education Association, California Teachers Association (member of the Southern Section Council for two years), University of Wisconsin Alumni Association of Southern California (Past Presi-

dent and Past Secretary), and Alpha Gamma Delta and Omicron Nu sororities. Mrs. Sunderlin has contributed a number of articles for magazines on home economics, as well as newspaper articles on the subject.

During World War I she was active in the American Red Cross Chapter in Inglewood, and in other ways has given her time and encouragement to community affairs. She is now working in the interests of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of Southern California.

Mrs. Sunderlin has travelled extensively, having visited Alaska, Cuba, the Canal Zone, Mexico, Europe, as well as many parts of the United States and Canada and the Hawaiian Islands.

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Mrs. Sunderlin married Ralph Sunderlin, who is a science instructor at South Gate High School. He is a native of Kansas and holds the degree of B.S. from Iowa State College. He has also taken post-graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, University of California, University of Southern California and at Oxford. He began his teaching career in Minnesota and came with Mrs. Sunderlin to California on their honeymoon. He taught at Inglewood High School for a year and served in the United States Naval Reserve during World War I.

After some business activity, Mr. Sunderlin joined the Engineering Department of the Los Angeles Railroad Company, and following several years in this connection became an instructor at Los Angeles Polytechnic High School. He is now chairman of the Science Department at South Gate High School.

### **Rev. John Gray Ross**

A man who holds a foremost position in the cultural, religious and civic life of Inglewood is Dr. John Gray Ross, pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city for the past fifteen years. In addition to the care of his church and the building up of its membership and all departments of the institution, Dr. Ross has found time to participate generously in community affairs, and in many ways has exercised an important influence for the good of the community.

A native of New Winton, Scotland, Dr. Ross was born July 19, 1886, son of William and Jessie (Gray) Ross. He received his elementary and high school education in his native community and was a student at the Primitive Methodist Training School for Ministers in Scotland. Coming to the United States in 1907, he spent one year in North Dakota and in Montana and then entered the Methodist Ministry as a student pastor and continued his studies at Montana Wesleyan University and at the University of Montana.



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In 1914, he was ordained at Forsythe, Montana, and for the following ten years he had charges in the Northwest, and during World War I he served as Y. M. C. A. Chaplain at Fort Russell, in Wyoming.

It was in 1923 that Dr. Ross came to California. His first church was at Tranquility, in Fresno County, and subsequently he was pastor of churches in Merced and Santa Maria, and his last church prior to coming to Inglewood was St. Mark's in Los Angeles.

Under Dr. Ross' ministry, the First Methodist Church of Inglewood has had remarkable growth and boasts a membership of fifteen hundred. The present church edifice was constructed since Dr. Ross came to this city, and plans for an \$80,000 addition have been completed. It is doubtful if any other Inglewood minister has officiated at so many marriages and funerals as Dr. Ross has during the past fifteen years. He is undoubtedly responsible for most of the marriages which he has performed turning out happily, as he always makes a point to have a friendly and frank discussion with those about to be married, explaining the importance of the relationship and the responsibilities involved therein.

For nine years Dr. Ross has been a member of the Inglewood Board of Education, and he was president of the body for three years. He is a member and former president of the local Rotary Club and is vice-president of the Pacific Old People's Home, a worthy denominational institution. Fraternally, he is a Mason. He was awarded the degree of D.D. from the University of Southern California in 1943 for distinguished service.

The former Miss Rae Clark became the wife of Dr. Ross in Montana. Three children have been born to this marriage: Maria Rae, the wife of Cameron Glasgow, and the daughter-in-law of Mrs. John Glasgow, of Inglewood; Winton Douglas, an executive at the Birmingham General Hospital; and John Gray Ross, Jr., who is employed in the Radar Section of the Lockheed Aircraft Company in Burbank.

## **Thad N. Shaw**

It would be difficult to name another man who had more influence in the early development of Inglewood than Thad N. Shaw, formerly associated with William D. Crow in the publication of the "Inglewood News" and, on the latter's retirement, the sole owner and publisher of the paper. During his years of journalistic activity in this city, Mr. Shaw brought to his work here the experience of newspaper publishing in several other parts of the country. He had the unusual ability of being able to handle efficiently every branch of the newspaper business, and it is said that he was equally as capable in the mechanical department as he was in the editorial department.

Mr. Shaw was born in Kaufman, Texas, October 16, 1875, and passed away in Inglewood on November 29, 1931. He received limited schooling and was a self-made man in the best sense of the term. He began his apprenticeship in the printing trade under an uncle in his home town, and after working on several different papers, he ultimately became the owner of a weekly paper at Alvord, Texas.

It was while looking over this paper that he saw and met his future wife, the former Miss Mabel Kirkpatrick. She was on the paper at the time, and had recently won a prize for beauty and popularity in Alvord. Mr. Shaw was so taken with her that he agreed to buy the paper provided she would continue to be active in its publication. This was agreed to, and they were soon happily married. It was not long, however, before Mr. Shaw purchased a paper in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, and later became owner of a paper in Walters, Oklahoma, where he served as Mayor.

Disposing of his newspaper interests in Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw came west, and ultimately Mr. Shaw accepted a position on a paper in Montezano, Washington, then owned by W. D. Crow, who later became his partner in the purchase of the "Inglewood News."

The "News" was purchased by Messrs. Shaw and Crow in 1915. Originally a weekly, it was converted into a daily eight years later, and soon became one of the outstanding papers of Southern California.

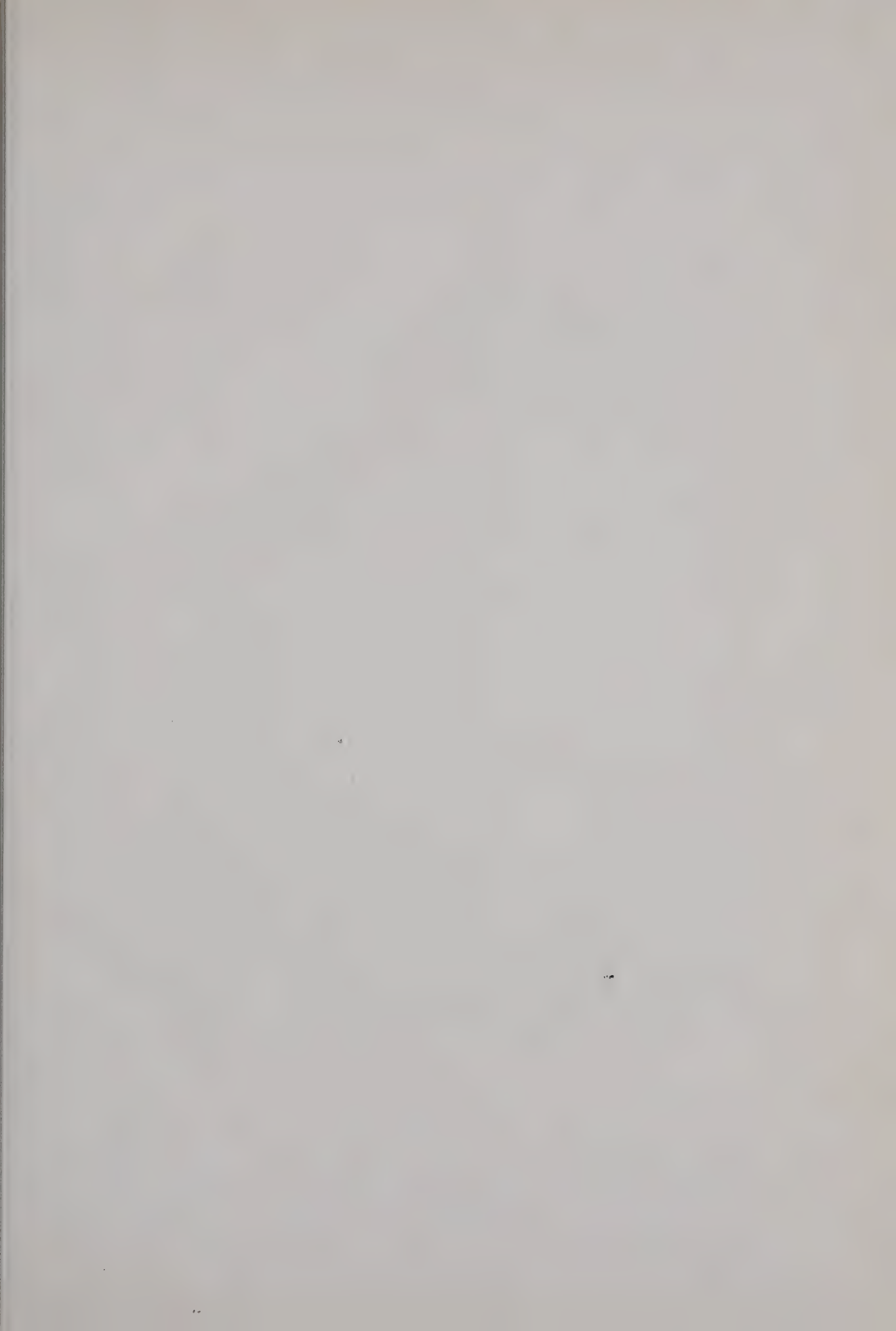
Mr. Shaw was a prominent figure in the American Newspaper Publishers Association and was a member of the State Advisory Board of that organization for many years.

In Inglewood, he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and he was a past Exalted Ruler of the Inglewood Elks Lodge, No. 1492, which he assisted in organizing. He was also a Mason, and a charter member of the local Rotary Club, which he helped organize.

Mr. Shaw is credited with helping numerous Inglewood citizens to business and financial success through the publicity given them in his paper. During all the years of his activity in Inglewood, he wielded a most constructive influence, and his memory will long be revered by all those who knew him.

### **Mabel A. Shaw**

Mabel A. Shaw, widow of the late Thaddeus N. Shaw, former publisher of the "Inglewood Daily News," has had a most interesting and inspiring career. Born in Sherman, Texas, the daughter of M. M. and Ella Kirkpatrick, her father was a well known and prosperous architect, and she is a descendant from prominent families on both the paternal and maternal sides.

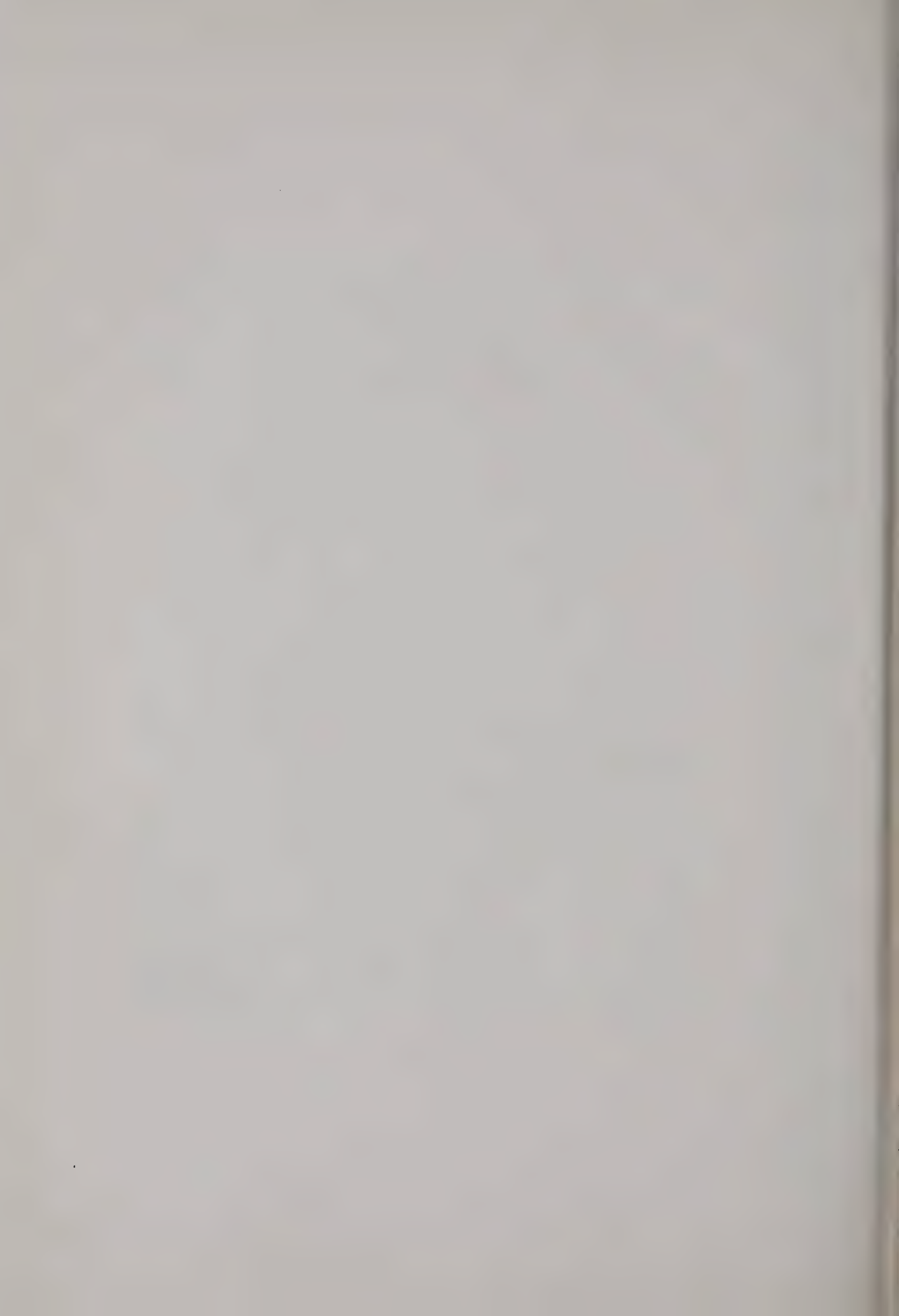




THAD N. SHAW



MABEL A. SHAW



Mrs. Shaw was educated in her native city, and was a brilliant scholar in her school days. She also took an active interest in dramatics as a young lady, which interest continued for many years.

While residing in Alvord, Texas, Mrs. Shaw devoted some time to the weekly paper published there both before and after her marriage to Mr. Shaw in that place. When this paper was sold, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw moved to Oklahoma, and there Mr. Shaw purchased two papers which were particularly run down and built them up to thriving publications.

It was in 1915 that Mr. and Mrs. Shaw and their son, Hubert, came to Inglewood, and the then weekly "Inglewood News" was purchased by Mr. Shaw and Mr. W. D. Crow. Shortly before Mr. Crow passed away, Mr. Shaw purchased his interest in the paper, which was converted to a daily in 1923. Mr. Shaw was active in the publication of the paper until he passed away in 1931, and then Mrs. Shaw and her son became partners in this newspaper business, and Mrs. Shaw was active on the paper until shortly before it was sold in 1946. Due largely to her indomitable courage and perseverance, the paper continued publication successfully through good and bad times, even though on several occasions it seemed that it would be impossible to continue. However, through hard work and diligent effort, Mrs. Shaw and her son ultimately built up the "News" to one of the best dailies in Southern California, and a vital factor in the success of the paper has always been the qualified staff of loyal and competent employees.

Mrs. Shaw has always been willing to give her time and means for worthwhile community activities. During World War I, she was active in the Red Cross, making bandages for the wounded, and the local chapter of the organization made an outstanding record in this respect; in fact, it is said that more bandages were made here than in any city of similar size in the United States. Mrs. Shaw also ably did her part in the sale of war bonds in this area. She has the distinction of having been the official hostess for the first Centinela Days celebration in Inglewood, and largely due to her participation, the original venture was an outstanding success, as have been its successors.

Mrs. Shaw has the unique record of having been a visitor at every race day held at Hollywood Park and has bet on every race which has ever been held by the association. She has been aptly named the "First Lady of Hollywood Park," and on July 2, 1949, when the races were being held at Santa Anita on account of the fire at Inglewood, she was given the honor of crowning the winner of the \$25,000 "Starlet Stakes."

Among the organizations in Inglewood with which Mrs. Shaw is officially connected is the women's division of the Rotary Club, known as the Rotary Anns, of which she is an honorary member. She has also been active in the Inglewood Woman's Club, and served as its corresponding secretary.

While on a trip to the Orient, Mrs. Shaw had the harrowing experience of having arrived in Shanghai, China, aboard the S. S. Hoover at the time the Chino-Jap war broke out. She was compelled to remain two weeks in Shanghai and then was evacuated to Hong Kong where she and the other passengers of the S. S. Hoover waited to be picked up again by this ship on its return from Manila. After embarking at Hong Kong and while the ship was proceeding back toward Shanghai, it was bombed by Chinese pilots who thought it was a camouflaged Japanese ship. Several of the bombs hit the ship and some of the passengers were injured, and one was killed. Finally, Japanese warships circled the ship to protect it from the Chinese and ultimately it proceeded on its way to safety.

In many ways, Mrs. Shaw had done her part in furthering the development and growth of Inglewood, and it is due to a comparatively few persons, such as she and her husband, that this city has made such a phenomenal growth in recent years, and Mrs. Shaw's numerous friends wish her many more years of continued usefulness to the community.

### **Hubert H. Shaw**

Hubert H. Shaw, son of the late Thaddeus N. and Mabel A. Shaw, who was associated with his father, and later with his mother, in the publication of the "Inglewood Daily News," has had virtually a lifetime experience in various angles of the newspaper business.

Mr. Shaw was born in Alvord, Texas, and lived with his parents in Oklahoma and Washington before coming to Inglewood, where he arrived in July 4, 1915.

He attended elementary schools at Pauls Valley and Walters, Oklahoma, and Montesano, Washington, and completed his elementary and high school courses at Inglewood.

He attended the Mergenthaler Linotype School at the Los Angeles Times, where he became a proficient operator. He toured the country as a barnstorming operator for several months, one trip taking him for a brief sojourn to Honolulu. When his father, Thad N. Shaw, acquired the interests of his partner, W. D. Crow, in the "Inglewood News," he became a partner with him in the enterprise.

In 1946, Mr. Shaw and his mother sold their interest in the "News," and since this time Mr. Shaw has been connected with the "Los Angeles Times" as a linotype operator.

During World War I, Mr. Shaw served in the Naval Reserve. He is a member of Inglewood Lodge No. 1492, B. P. O. E.

The former Miss Eva Leonard became the wife of Mr. Shaw. She is a native of Canada. They have one son, Gary Nelson.

Mr. Shaw's favorite amusements are badminton, horseracing and swimming. During his high school days, Mr. Shaw was a noted athlete, and widely known as a track star.

## **Charles Edward Chapel**

Charles Edward Chapel, author, Republican leader, and engineer, was born in Manchester, Iowa, May 26, 1904, the son of William Claude and Gertrude May (Johnson) Chapel. He was educated at the State University of Iowa, Missouri University, and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He was awarded the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering degrees.

He was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps, in 1926; promoted to 1st Lieutenant in 1933; served with the 5th Regiment in Nicaragua, the 4th Regiment in China, aboard the U.S.S. California; commanded an anti-pirate guard aboard an American merchant vessel in China; commanded the body guard around Franklin D. Roosevelt at his first inauguration, and was Judge Advocate 5th U.S. Naval District. He was awarded three medals and retired for service-incurred disability in 1937 and came to California.

After retirement, he became head of the Departments of Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering, Polytechnic College of Engineering, Oakland, California; Director of Training, 29 Palms Air Academy, Twenty-nine Palms, California, the first glider pilot school conducted for the armed forces; and General Supervisor of Navy bomber training for Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corporation. In the latter job, he was responsible for the training of more than 4,000 officers and enlisted men of Navy aviation. In 1944, he produced motion pictures for training Army pilots on the B-32 airplane.

In 1945, Chapel moved to Inglewood and helped organize the Northrop Aeronautical Institute at Hawthorne. After three years with that organization, he resigned to devote his full time to the writing of books. He is the author of the following books: *Gun Collecting*; *The Gun Collector's Handbook of Values*; *Gun Care and Repair—A Manual of Gunsmithing*; *The Boy's Book of Rifles*; *Field, Skeet and Trap Shooting*; *Simplified Rifle Shooting*; *Simplified Pistol and Revolver Shooting*; *Fingerprinting—A Manual of Identification*; *Aircraft Basic Science*; *Aircraft Power Plants*; *Aircraft Maintenance and Repair*; *Aircraft Weight, Balance and Loading*; *Aircraft Electricity for the Mechanic*; and *Jet Aircraft Simplified*. He is also the author of more than 3,000 published magazine articles.

In 1928, he married Sarah Helen Honaker, and has three children, Joanne Frances, Nancy Maury, and Charles Johnson Chapel. Chapel is a member of the Holy Faith Episcopal Church, Inglewood; a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason; Honorary Life Member, National Rifle Association; and a member of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars of the U.S.; the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences; the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and the Aviation Writers Association. He is licensed by the State of California as a Professional Mechanical Engineer.

Chapel is Chairman, Republican Central Committee, 46th Assembly District; the author of the Republican Precinct Chairman's Manual, and active in all Republican affairs. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, and gun collecting. In addition, he lectures before clubs on various subjects, such as Chinese customs, firearms in American history, and good government. His biography appears in each issue of Who's Who in America as an outstanding author and engineer.

### **Dorothy Adams Dye**

Mrs. Dorothy Adams Dye, the capable manager of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce since 1943, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Franklin B. and Sue (McGrew) Adams.

Coming to California in 1906, Mrs. Dye is a graduate of Los Angeles Manual Arts High School, and she also attended the University of California at Los Angeles.

In addition to her connection with the Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Dye is active in several other organizations, including the Inglewood Women's Club, of which she was president, 1940-1941; the Soroptimist Club of Inglewood, charter president; the Inglewood Float Association, secretary-treasurer; the Centinela Music Association, secretary, and she is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

In 1920 Mrs. Dye was married to Leland E. Dye. Three children have been born to this union: Leland E., Jr., Robert H. and Virginia Dye Omelka.

Mrs. Dye has the pleasant habit of sending greeting cards annually to nearly one thousand persons.

### **B. K. (Dick) Richardson**

B. K. Richardson, president and active head of the Inglewood Federal Savings and Loan Association, has undoubtedly held, and holds at the present time, more official offices in different worthwhile organizations than any other

individual in this city. To list the important groups with which he has been, or is, officially connected is to name some of the most important organizations in the city.

It was in 1930 that Mr. Richardson entered the financial field when the Inglewood Building and Loan Association was established, of which he was the secretary and manager. On September 1, 1934, this was converted into the Inglewood Federal Savings and Loan Association under charter of the United States government, and was the second institution of its kind in the state to receive a federal charter. The assets at organization in 1930 were \$60,000.00. Now they are more than \$11,000,000.00, an eloquent testimony of the organization's growth over the short period of years.

Records of the association indicate that it has played an outstanding part in the upbuilding of Inglewood and surrounding territories. Hundreds of home loans for a total of millions of dollars have been made. A large portion of these loans has been for new construction, and this has given employment to many persons in the building trades in Inglewood and the vicinity. Residents of the community have invested their savings in the association to the extent that today this investment totals over \$9,000,000.00.

Under the supervision and management of B. K. Richardson since its inception as a building and loan association, the Inglewood Federal has maintained a reputation for prompt service on its loan applications. Through its many contacts with the Federal Housing Administration and Veterans Administration, the Inglewood Federal has been able to establish a record for rapid and accurate servicing, not only of its loan applications, but also in the construction of dwellings built through its financing. As a member of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, instrumentality of the U. S. Government, the Association has all accounts up to \$5,000.00 insured. The Association also has for several years maintained an efficiently operated Escrow Department.

B. K. Richardson was born at Houston, Texas, on October 1, 1883, the son of M. B. and Nellie K. Richardson. His father was for years interested in financial circles and was secretary and treasurer of a chain of furniture and piano houses in Boston. The parents came to California to reside in 1916; the father died in 1925, and the mother in 1932.

The subject of this sketch received his professional training in engineering in connection with Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri. In 1904, he went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he entered the heating engineering business. From 1907 until 1919 he did engineering work for the Los Angeles City Water Department, and from the latter year until 1926 he was with the Standard Oil Company at El Segundo. Following this employment he engaged in life insurance work for the Guardian Life Insurance Company of New York City, continuing until 1930, when he entered the financial field.

Some of Mr. Richardson's most important civic activities include the following: Served two terms as member of the Board of Trustees of the Inglewood Union High School; was Centinela District Committeeman for the Boy Scouts of America, and served on the Executive Board of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Council of Boy Scouts of America; Advisory Committee member for the Centinela Valley Girl Scout Council; two terms as president of the Centinela Pageant Association; former president of the Prairie Avenue Improvement Association; past president of the local Lions Club and past District Governor and International Counselor of Lions International; member Inglewood Advisory Committee, Y.M.C.A.; Trustee of the North Centinela Boys' Fund; member, Board of Directors, Southwest Community Health Clinic Association; member, Inglewood Advisory Committee for Family Service; member, Board of Directors and member of the Executive Committee of the Welfare Federation of Los Angeles Area; Area Vice-Chairman of Solicitation, Community Chest; Coordinator, Civic Development Division, Inglewood Chamber of Commerce; and Associate Member, Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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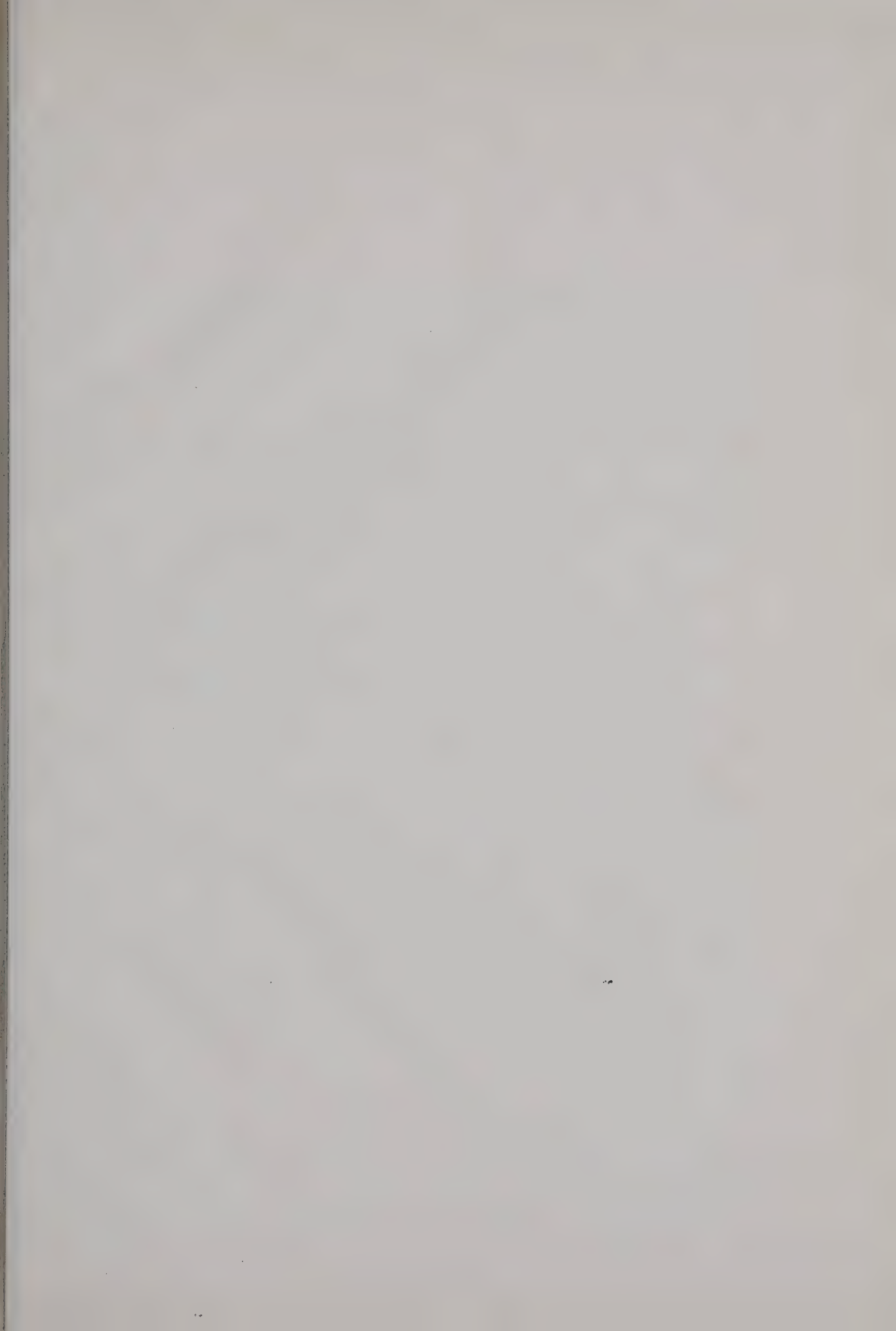
During the recent war, Mr. Richardson ably did his part as chairman of about nine war bond drives, all of which were oversubscribed, and served on the Inglewood Ration Board. His organization also has done its part since the end of the war by providing funds for the building of G-I homes. Currently, Mr. Richardson is chairman of the Inglewood United States Savings Bond Committee.

Long active in the American National Red Cross, Mr. Richardson was recently elected to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Chapter and is also Chairman for the second year of the Inglewood-Lennox Branch of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Richardson is a Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, and a member of Inglewood Elks Lodge #1492.

In 1934, Mr. Richardson was the recipient of the Sixth Annual Civic Award presented by the local American Legion Post for the most distinguished and unselfish service to the community during the preceding year.

On February 14, 1916, Mr. Richardson and the former Miss Lucy I. Young of Hermosa Beach were married. They are the proud parents of five boys and one girl: Richard, who is in business in Inglewood; Nelson, who served in the United States Navy as a Lieutenant (j.g.) during World War II and is also in business in Inglewood; Lucile, the wife of J. K. Mitchell, of Inglewood; William, who was in the Army Air Service during World War II and is now attending Los Angeles City College; Jerrold, who is also attending Los Angeles City College, and James, a recent graduate of Inglewood High School.

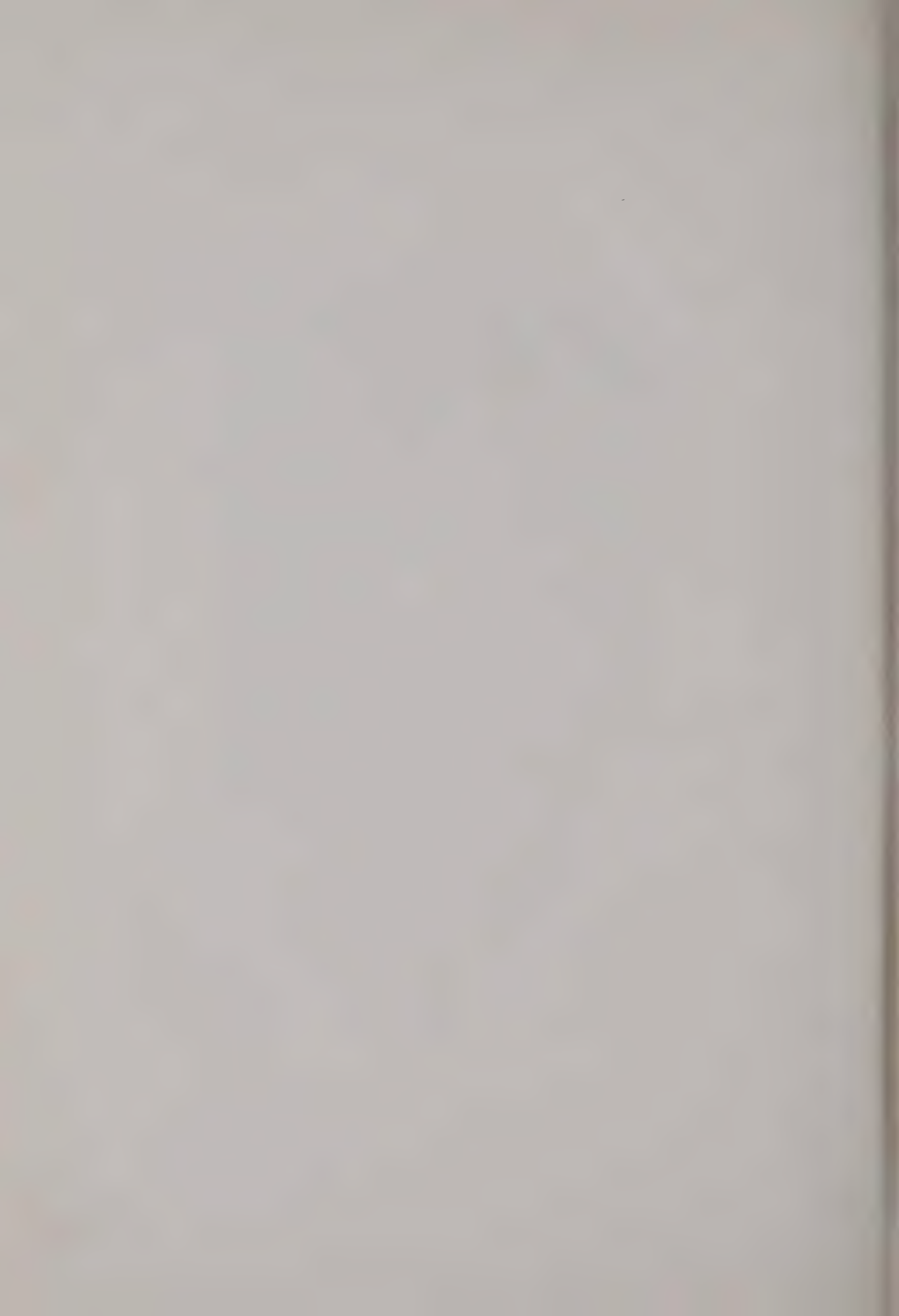




B. K. RICHARDSON



NELSON W. RICHARDSON



Mr. Richardson, who has been so successful in his own business and activities, finds his greatest pleasure in giving aid to others in their pursuit of happiness and financial independence.

### **Nelson W. Richardson**

Nelson W. Richardson, of the Federal Insurance Agency, is a worthy representative of one of Inglewood's most noted families. He is the son of B. K. and Lucy I. (Young) Richardson. His father, president of the Inglewood Federal Savings and Loan Association, has long been recognized as an outstanding community leader.

Born in Hermosa Beach on October 22, 1919, Nelson Richardson first attended school in that place and his family moving to Inglewood, he graduated from the high school here in 1937.

As a youth out of high school he was with North American Aviation, but soon after the United States entered World War II he joined the Naval Air Service and ultimately was commissioned a Lieutenant (j.g.). Becoming a pilot, he flew Liberators and Spitfires and was engaged principally in anti-submarine work, having been based in England, Scotland and Ireland.

After his separation from the service, Mr. Richardson became active in what was then known as the Richardson Insurance Agency, the business of which was subsequently incorporated under the name of Federal Insurance Agency and he is president of this company. A general insurance business is conducted and all lines are handled including life. In order to better equip himself to conduct his business, Mr. Richardson is currently taking advanced courses in insurance and allied subjects at the University of Southern California.

He is a member of the Exchange Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce (Board of Directors), the American Legion, and Inglewood Lodge No. 421, F. & A. M.

The former Miss Nancy Taylor became Mrs. Richardson in 1948.

Mr. Richardson's hobbies are aviation and gardening.

### **Eugene Bernard Marzolf**

Eugene Bernard Marzolf, who ably represents the fourth district on the Inglewood City Council, having been elected to this important office in April, 1947, is a native of Buffalo, New York, born November 8, 1898, son of Edward F. and Barbara Marzolf. In connection with the family history, it is

interesting to note that a paternal great-grandfather was a Captain in Napoleon's cavalry.

Mr. Marzolf is a graduate of Central Park High School and subsequently spent one year at Niagara University.

Practically all of Mr. Marzolf's entire business life has had to do with golf. He has been connected with the Buffalo Country Club, Niagara Falls Country Club and Derby Hunt and Country Club, and he constructed the famous Canterbury Country Club at Cleveland, Ohio, moving to California in 1925. For the following two years he was with the Brentwood Country Club in Los Angeles, and during 1927-1933 he was with the Montebello Country Club which he built. He was greens keeper at the Inglewood Country Club during 1933-1948. Currently he is turf consultant for the Los Angeles Branch of Northrop, King and Company, seed men, of Minneapolis.

Mr. Marzolf's religious affiliation is with St. John Crysostom Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a life member of the Inglewood Country Club. On January 3, 1923, he married the former Miss Mildred L. McLaren, and they have two children: Lea Marion and Edward John Marzolf.

In addition to golf, Mr. Marzolf's hobbies are polo and woodworking.

### **Russell C. Letson, D. D. S.**

In length of practice, Dr. Russell C. Letson now has the unique distinction of being the oldest dentist in Inglewood. Coming here in 1922, he has been continuously active for the past twenty-seven years, and is widely known as an unusually skilled member of his profession. In addition to conducting an exceedingly large practice, Dr. Letson has somehow found time to take an active part in civic affairs, and he has always been ready to further any worthwhile community undertaking.

The doctor was born at Taylor, Wisconsin, on August 24, 1897. His father, Charles H., and mother, Emily (Sandvold) Letson, reside at Sunset Beach, his father having retired from active business some years ago.

At an early age, Dr. Letson's parents moved to Beach, North Dakota, where he attended grade and high schools. His dental course was taken at Loyola University in Chicago, where he received his D.D.S. degree in 1919. Following this, he began practice at Beach, continuing there until he came to Inglewood.

Prominent in the various dental organizations, Dr. Letson belongs to the American Dental Association, Southern California State Dental Association (former state counselor), Los Angeles County Dental Society (president, 1944), and he is a past president of the Fifth District Dental Society. He is a

member by invitation of Federation Dentaire Internationale. He also belongs to Pierre Fauchard Academy, and is an associate member of the Canadian Dental Association. He is a life member of Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity.

Dr. Letson is a charter and life member of the Inglewood Lions Club of which he served as secretary for several years. Fraternally, he is a Mason.

The former Miss Vera M. Paulson became the wife of Dr. Letson. They have two sons and a daughter: Charles R., who holds the degree of A.B. from Chapman College and is taking graduate work in the University of Southern California and is now a teacher in El Monte; Kenneth E., who is attending Pepperdine College; and Emily Jean, who is also a student at Pepperdine College. Both sons served for two years and one-half in the United States Army during World War II.

Dr. Letson has an interesting hobby in which he is unusually talented, and this is the drawing of cartoons. He has a published book called "Dental Oddities," made up of his cartoons.

### **Dora A. Woods (Mrs. James D. Frantz)**

A most inspiring lesson is given in the career of Dora Woods, accountant, income tax consultant, insurance agent and community leader. Desperately injured in an automobile accident fifteen years ago in which she suffered a broken neck and was not expected to live, she ultimately was hospitalized for five years, but due to willpower and determination, she not only recovered to a remarkable extent, but while in the hospital, she studied accountancy, and in 1941 her family having moved to the Inglewood area, she opened an office for the practice of accountancy in her parents' home in Lennox.

During the course of the past eight years, she has built up an exceedingly large business as an accountant and tax expert, as well as carrying on a general insurance business. Although still partially paralyzed, Dora Woods has been able to lead a normal life, not only in a business way, but also socially and in civic affairs.

Miss Woods was born in Weston, West Virginia, November 22, 1909, daughter of Peter E. and Emma (Carter) Woods. Her father is a retired building contractor, and it is interesting to note that James Carter, her uncle, was Mayor of Hawthorne, and her cousin, James A. Carter, is the United States District Attorney recently named United States Federal Judge in this district by President Truman.

Dora Woods came to California with her parents when a young lady and she is a graduate of Los Angeles High School, Santa Barbara State College (A.B., 1930), and the University of Southern California law school (L.L.B.,

1933). Her tragic accident occurred just after graduation from law school.

In addition to conducting her local business, Miss Woods has written a column for the Montebello Messenger for the past twelve years under the heading "Looking Up." Also, since 1941, she has been Legislative Representative for Vocational Teachers at Sacramento. She has been interested in politics since her law school days and is president of the Centinela Valley Women's Republican Club, a member of the executive committee of the California State Republican Central Committee and a former president and former secretary of the California Republican Assembly for this district. In 1946 she was a candidate for the Assembly from the forty-sixth Assembly District and was defeated by a very small margin.

Miss Woods was a founder of the Inglewood chapter of the International Toastmistress Club, and she is a past executive secretary of the International organization. She is past president of the Southwest Toastmistress Club, and was co-author of the club's official Manual. For three years she edited the "Toastmistress," the national magazine of the organization. Other affiliations include the Inglewood Soroptimist Club of which she is a past secretary, the Emblem Club, the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and the Lennox Civic Association, of which she is currently secretary. Fraternal affiliations include Phi Delta Delta (legal sorority) and Alpha Phi Gamma (journalistic sorority).

Miss Woods is exceedingly popular as a public speaker, and for a number of years she has addressed many important bodies in this area on a wide variety of subjects.

On October 29, 1949, she married James D. Frantz of the Frantz Venetian Blind Company, who has been a customer of hers for the past five years. They jointly own the historical old Fremont home at 111 North Eucalyptus.

Miss Woods' hobby is philately.

## **James Constantine**

The life and career of James Constantine, owner of Libby's Candy Factory in this city, is a most interesting one. Coming to the United States as a youth without even the knowledge of the English language and without financial support, he has achieved an outstanding success in the candy business, and is rated as one of Inglewood's thoroughly substantial citizens.

Born in Eastern Thrace, Greece, Mr. Constantine is a son of Constantine and Elizabeth Constantine. He had limited schooling in his native country, but after arrival in California in 1913 he attended a private school in Berkeley and subsequently spent a year in the junior high school in that city.



DORA A. WOODS



Mr. Constantine began his business career working in a candy shop in Berkeley, but it was not long before he had one of his own in that city. In 1927, he came to Southern California and opened a shop in Los Angeles at Fifty-first Street and Vermont Avenue, and later operated a store at Fifty-fourth Street and Vermont. His first factory was located on Broadway near Slauson. Having become acquainted in Inglewood through selling candy here and being pleased with the city, he opened a retail store in 1936 in the Parent Building, and the following year opened one next door to the Ritz Theater. He continued the latter store until 1942 and the former until 1944. In the latter year, he erected his splendid factory on Walnut Street, and the Libby lines include all kinds of chocolates and chocolate-covered nuts, as well as the new lines of "butter-crisp peanuts" and "butter-crisp almonds," both of which are enjoying an exceptionally popular sale. Libby's Candies are sold in almost all of Southern California, and customers from all the Western states send orders to the Inglewood factory. The business has enjoyed a steady growth ever since the establishment of the factory here, and each year has shown a larger volume of business than the preceding year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Constantine have a son and two daughters: Jimmy, who is a graduate of Inglewood High School and served in the Merchant Marine during World War II and is now general manager of his father's factory; Despina, the wife of John Yanacakis; and Elizabeth M., the wife of John Limberakis. The two daughters were married in an interesting double ceremony on September 1, 1949.

## **Frederick Carl Jones**

Frederick Carl Jones, elected city councilman April 12, 1949, representing District Number One, is a native of Belmont, Ontario, Canada, and was born on January 26, 1907, son of Alva and Bertha Viola Jones. He received his elementary education in his native town and attended high school in Lambeth, Ontario.

Mr. Jones came to Los Angeles in 1928 and for several years was with the California Bank. He subsequently became Credit Manager for the Dalton Lumber Company in Los Angeles.

Mr. Jones' war record is particularly worthy of note. Enlisting as a Private, he was ultimately commissioned First Lieutenant in the Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1943. His first post was at Camp Wolters, Texas, where he was a platoon commander. Then for eighteen months he was staging officer at Camp Stoneman, California. He was ultimately sent to the South Pacific in

November, 1944, where he was soon assigned as dock officer at Tacloban, Leyte, in the Philippine Islands. He was ultimately transferred to the 874th Port Company for the occupation of Japan, leaving the Philippines in September, 1945. He assumed command of this Company in Wakayama, Japan. It was in April, 1946, that Mr. Jones was separated from the service and returned to Inglewood.

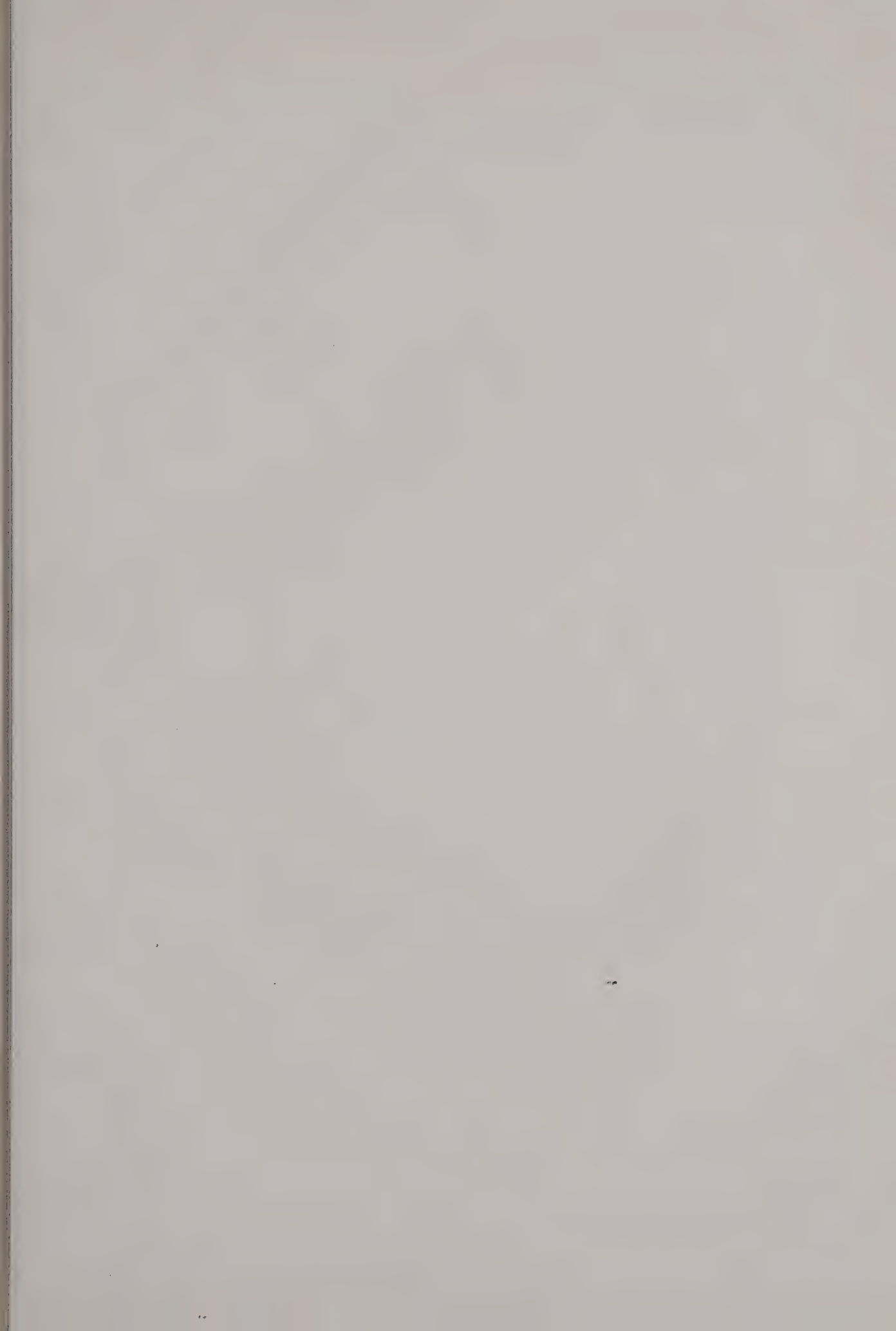
He has been very active in civic affairs in Morningside Park, both before and since his war service. He was a member of the Inglewood Auxiliary Fire Department and is a past commander of Morningside Park Post No. 398, American Legion. He is currently president of the Morningside Park Veterans Building Association.

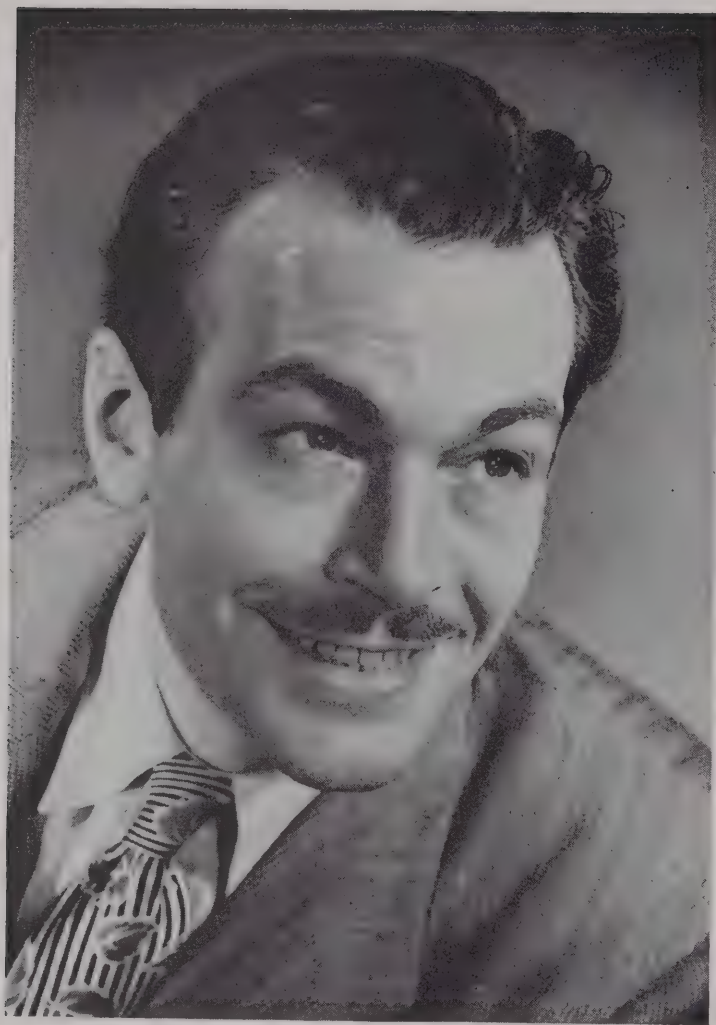
Since serving on the City Council, Mr. Jones has shown that he is an earnest student of municipal problems and is ably representing his constituents on this important body.

## **H. Fred Heisner, Ed. D.**

Dr. H. Fred Heisner, District Superintendent of the Centinela Valley High School District, under whom are the Inglewood and Luezing High Schools as well as the two Adult Schools, was born at Newport, Idaho, on August 30, 1907. He is a son of James Fred and Mabel Clara (Long) Heisner. Coming to California as a boy, Dr. Heisner attended the first six grades of elementary school in Sierra Madre. He completed his elementary education and graduated from high school at Orosi, California. He then spent one year at Fresno State College and transferred to the University of Redlands; he graduated there with the Degree of A.B. in 1929. His Master's Degree was granted by the University of Southern California in 1933 and his Doctor's Degree was granted by the same institution in 1945.

Dr. Heisner began his educational career as a rural teacher in San Bernardino County. He ultimately became an elementary principal and later a Junior High School principal at Colton. From 1939 to 1941, he was District Superintendent of Schools at Holtville in the Imperial Valley. Then for a period of four years, he was principal of the Willowbrook High School in Compton. In 1945 he came to Inglewood as principal of the Inglewood Union High School, and in 1947, he was promoted to his present important position of District Superintendent. In the near future there will be two new high schools under Dr. Heisner's jurisdiction, the funds for the building of both of which have been provided for this district. Dr. Heisner is a member of the National Educational Association, the California Teachers Association, the Masonic Fraternity, First Methodist Church of Inglewood and the Rotary Club.





WILLIAM EDWARD HESSICK

The former Miss Arvilla Gunter became the wife of Dr. Heisner. They met and married while both were attending the University of Redlands. Three children have been born to this union: Marilyn Frances, Dorothy Louise and James Fred.

During his college days, Dr. Heisner participated extensively in sports; he was a three letterman at the University of Redlands, in baseball, and won two in football. Currently his hobbies are golf and photography.

### **R. Sally Neumann**

Sally Neumann, owner of the Inglewood Secretarial and Business Service, was born in Duluth, Minnesota, October 31, 1909, daughter of Herman and Sarah Robbins. She is the youngest of nine brothers and sisters. Mrs. Neumann attended grade school and the first two years of high school in Duluth, and moving to Minneapolis, she completed her high school course there and then spent two years at the University of Minnesota specializing in sociology and psychology. She was employed by the Minneapolis Department of Education as school clerk during 1926-1930.

Mrs. Neumann made her first visit to California in 1929 and finally settled here in 1931. For two years she was a stenographer for the Glick Brothers Lumber Company in Huntington Park from 1931-1933. Then for three years she was a stenographer for the Star Outfitting Company. In August, 1938, she established Sally's Letter Shop in Inglewood, later changing the name to Inglewood Secretarial and Business Service.

Mrs. Neumann is a member of the Inglewood Woman's Club, the Emblem Club, the Inglewood Women's Golf Club, past president, and the Brentwood Country Club.

On September 11, 1937, she married Oscar S. Neumann, who is a public accountant, being a member of the firm of Neumann and Black, with offices in the Neumann Building at 241 South La Brea.

### **William Edward Hessick**

William Edward Hessick, photographer, of 307 East Nutwood Street, missed being a native son by about two years, but arrived in these parts with his parents in April of 1911, so in plenty of time to come in under the Pioneer category.

Mr. Hessick was born in Salina, Kansas, February 21, 1909. His parents are William E. and Minnie York Hessick.

Subject of this sketch was educated in the Inglewood City Schools, Inglewood High School, Pacific Military Academy and the University of Southern California.

He has been a photographer for ten years in both commercial and portrait lines, was for a time with International News Service in Los Angeles, and served in the Navy for four years in the Second World War as a photographer, First Class.

Mr. Hessick is a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith, of the Inglewood Rotary Club, the Toastmasters Club and the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

He was united in marriage in the Church of the Holy Faith May 18, 1942, with Miss Victorine (Vicki) Hjelm. They have a son, John William.

Mr. Hessick's hobby is sailing and he hopes to have a sailing craft of his own on or before the small craft harbor at Playa del Rey becomes a reality instead of a dream.

### **Arthur H. Cawston**

Arthur H. Cawston, Managing Editor and publisher of this work, was born in Los Angeles, December 28, 1890, son of Edwin and Mary Cawston. His father established the ostrich industry in Southern California in 1887.

Mr. Cawston attended Throop Polytechnic Institute in Pasadena and Harvard Military School in Los Angeles. He spent one year each at Stanford and Columbia Universities, and two years at the University of Chicago Law School.

During World War I he was a bomber at the front. He subsequently was in the American Consular Service four years, being Vice Consul at Cape Town and later at Johannesburg, then Consul at Port Elizabeth, all in South Africa.

Most of his business life has been devoted to editorial and publishing work.

He is a member of S. A. E. college fraternity. He is married and has one daughter, Beverly, wife of William R. Thomas, Jr.

## **ADDENDA**

### **RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Following a special election the Freeholders charter was amended to establish a city employees retirement system. In effect August 1, 1945, the late City Clerk Otto H. Duelke, Harden Hart of the Fire Department and Desk Sergeant O. G. Mitchell of the Police Department were among the first to retire.

### **ZONING ORDINANCE**

Having a bearing upon the entire future of the community was the adoption of the present zoning ordinance under the guidance of Gordon Whitnall, nationally known city planning expert. This long-studied work was begun with the late City Councilman Stanley A. Tryce as president of the City Planning Commission and with E. S. Dixon as mayor.

The master map was presented September 13, 1946, adopted December 17, following, and effective 30 days later.

### **MORMON BATTALION**

"The Mormon Battalion," a historic and colorful pageant in which literally hundreds of members of the Inglewood Stake of the L. D. S. Church, and members from other stakes took part, was staged in the Centinela Bowl the night of July 24, 1938. It portrayed the historic march of the Battalion across mountain and desert to San Diego to have a part in the saving of California to the Union during the war between the States.

### **GREEN RECORDS RAINFALL**

George M. (Daddy) Green, retired superintendent of the Inglewood (now Centinela Valley Union High School District), kept the rainfall records for Inglewood for upwards of a quarter century without a bobble and always was ready, at practically any hour of the day or night, to turn in a report to the press.

### **U. S. O. BUILDING**

The U. S. O. Building, constructed before the war by federal funds, and operated by the United Service Organization throughout and after that conflict, provided recreation for defense workers and their families as well as for service men. The G. S. O. (Girls Service Organization), not only provided hostesses for affairs in the building, but also they made visits to camps and fields.

### **UNUSUAL EQUINE**

An unusual equine was George O. Zillgitt's horse Maud which eventually became famous for growing a mane 18 feet long. This "might and mane" characteristic for a time led to her being on exhibit with a well known circus. Then, with its famous mane looped up, she was used in the Zillgitt's delivery service, subsequently Heath's Department Store.

Maud arrived with two other steeds in a box car loaded with the belongings of the brothers, Frank and George Zillgitt. Jim Kew, then general factotum for the Daniel Freeman Ranch, saw Frank Zillgitt pacing disconsolately up and down by the side of the freight car. He explained he was worried how to get the horses down to the ground.

Kew borrowed a pinchbar from the freight shed and, with some help, the car was rolled down to the loading platform and the horses led out there, through the shed and hence to the street. That was the beginning of a lifelong friendship!

### **GAME LITTLE MARE**

Another exceptional animal was Kit, a blue-blooded animal purchased from one of the Vanderbilt family in Santa Barbara by the late Albert Lindberg, pioneer local photographer, which eventually became the property of his father, Olaf Lindberg, who came here with his wife in 1905.

Al drove the horse around the country on business for about a dozen years. He recalled that he once drove Kit from San Francisco to Inglewood in six days. Also that the game little mare made 85 miles on the concluding day from Elizabeth Lake to Inglewood.

### **MIL'S WHITE MULE**

Mil Zillgitt's famous white mule was a feature in the early day Centinela day parades.

## **PIONEERS' RECOLLECTIONS**

### **FROM LA TIJERA PARLOR COLLECTION**

"Colorful and romantic tales of early California have long been a favorite subject of historians and story-tellers alike. Much has been written concerning the Indians, the Spanish padres, the great ranchos and the sprawling, sun-drenched or mud-caked pueblos. Little to date, however, has been written about those pioneer Americans who, after the excitement of the Gold Rush days, came West with soberer minds and purposes to try their fortunes, and in the trying, to build the beginnings of our cities of today."

So wrote Norine Dawson back in the spring of 1944, when she and Judge Frank D. Parent were appointed by Vernon P. Spencer, Inglewood Chamber of Commerce president, chairman and secretary, respectively, of a committee to compile a permanent record of pioneer days of Inglewood. Plans were, according to a letter sent to all local pioneers by Judge Parent, that it would be published in book form if and when enough data were returned to the committee. The collection, however, eventually was turned over to La Tijera Parlor, Daughters of the Golden West.

Mrs. Dawson's prologue to this data which to date never has appeared in print, continued as follows:

### **SELF-TOLD TALES**

"Historians will properly record the chronological order of events which marked the upward steps in the birth and growth of our city, for Inglewood has set herself squarely on the most ambitious dreams of the men who founded her. It is our purpose here to garner the self-told stories of some of our early settlers; those good people who, through the first fifty years of the city's history, laid the foundation stones upon which we now build so solidly.

"These little incidents of American life in Inglewood are set down much as they were told to us, so that, as we stride so rapidly into the changing world of tomorrow, we will not forget the heritage that came to us from that slower paced yesterday."

### **MRS. NETTIE SPAULDING**

Mrs. Nettie M. Spaulding wrote: "I'll tell you what Inglewood was like when we came here forty-four years ago. It was November 14, 1899, that nineteen Spauldings arrived in Inglewood from North Dakota. At that time Inglewood was nearly all orange orchards. Eucalyptus and pepper trees lined the streets. It most certainly looked good to us after coming from the treeless and windswept prairies of the Dakotas.

"All there was on La Brea Avenue (then Commercial Street) was a store and post office kept by Mr. Robbins in the same building, and Jimmie Hansen's blacksmith shop. Not a church building in the town although two denominations held services, the Presbyterians on the second floor of the red schoolhouse that stood where the Crozier School now is, and the Brethren conducted church in the big building on Queen Street that was the hotel.

"Rent was very cheap. We got six and eight-room houses for eight dollars a month! But there wasn't much work for men to do. The Spaulding brothers, however, put up a good many new homes for the people who were coming here from North Dakota and other places. E. A. Spaulding foresaw a great future for Inglewood. He built the first real estate office and helped to locate a great many of the people coming here.

### **STREET CARS THANKSGIVING**

"The great day for Inglewood was the one when the street cars came through for the first time. That was Thanksgiving Day, 1903. Nearly every family had a horse and surrey in which to get around, but now we could get to Los Angeles and the beaches by street car."

### **HANNINGTONS ARRIVE**

H. Dick Hannington came here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hannington, in 1909. His dad started building a house on the acre he bought for \$1,100 near Tamarack and Arbor Vitae. Had to wait several years for electricity and gas but fixtures were installed when the house was built.

### **WHERE PALOMINOS PARKED**

"Back in 1917," recalled Harry Van Beaver (late of Scribner, Neb.), "when I came to Inglewood, to take over the Inglewood Furniture and Undertaking Company, the concern was using Palomino horses. I used to tether them on a vacant lot just north of where the Granada Theatre" (since burned and replaced by the new Fox Theatre) "now stands. Those were the days!"

### **"WILSON GANG"**

Mrs. Clarissa P. Mosher wrote during the war years: "The revival of the old-time dances at the U. S. O. brings back many happy memories of the wonderful times a crowd of young folk called 'the Wilson gang' used to have when they drove out from University, a suburb of Los Angeles, to dance in the old red brick schoolhouse located at the corner of Queen and Grevillea forty years ago . . . It was there we had the grand times, dancing until three o'clock in the morning." (Shame on you, Clara.) "Stopping at midnight for a wonderful collation, almost always an oyster supper.

"Then we would drive home, turning Slauson Avenue into a race course, as most of us owned a trotter or a pacer. These animals frequently were entered in races at Agricultural (now Exposition) Park.

"Among patrons of these dances were well known pioneers such as the Aericks, the Dostas, the Billy Magees, the Bennetts and the Freeman boys, sons and heirs of Inglewood's founder, Daniel Freeman.

### **TO BE POSTMASTER**

"Little did I dream then that twenty years later I would be appointed postmaster of my beloved city. I have many happy recollections of earlier days in Inglewood and of the events in which I had the honor of participating. And I know no one could love his home town more than I."

### **HILLCREST TREES FUND**

Mrs. R. D. (Bob) Aylsworth and Mrs. George Brown once contributed, and collected funds from other Hillcrest Boulevard residents, to defray the cost of replacing trees on that thoroughfare.

### **EARL MAGEE SAVES LIFE**

City Attorney Clyde Woodworth, Inglewood native son, recalls: "Some time between 1902 and 1904, when a dam about thirty or forty feet wide extended across the ravine northerly of the Santa Fe tracks, near what is now La Brea Avenue, the drain became clogged and storm waters backed up forming a very considerable lake, where it was the custom of the neighborhood boys to swim.

"On this particular occasion, Robert Timmons, Earl and Ralph Magee, myself and some other kids were dabbling around in the water when Robert

Timmons, who at that time was unable to swim, slipped into a hole where the water was about ten feet deep. There was great consternation as he began to call for help.

"Then it was that Earl Magee, floating nearby on a raft the boys had made, dove in and rescued Bob. Needless to say, even to this day, honor Earl Magee for his heroic conduct on that occasion."

Clyde also recalled when sometime between 1898 and 1902, the old red schoolhouse still stood at the northwest corner of Grevillea Avenue and Queen Street and was adjoined on three sides by orange groves right up to the property line. Irrigation ditches carrying clear and cool water from Centinela Springs led into the groves.

### **CLYDE IN THE NUDE**

"The ditches in some locations, particularly at junction points, widened out and were of a fair depth. It was the custom of the school kids to occasionally disrobe in selected locations and take a swim. "I had disrobed and upon completing my swim, discovered to my utter dismay, that some of the other kids had hidden my clothes! For a full half day, until close on to evening, I was compelled to dodge from tree to tree, fearful every minute that my presence, unadorned, would be discovered by strangers. Such a situation has constituted the subject of a nightmare for many persons, but I actually liked it. Finally I discovered my clothes and my thankfulness in so doing dispelled the alternate emotions of rage and chagrin, and left nothing but forgiveness for the prank's perpetrators."

The City Attorney also recalled the days when duck, geese, snipe, plover, doves, curley and other game, including jackrabbits and cotton tail, were plentiful here. But finally hunters had to go farther afield, or even to Ballona, now known as Playa del Rey. On one occasion his father, the late Willard L. Woodworth, went after curlew and trudged clear to the lagoon, carrying his trusty twelve-gauge shotgun under his arm and a plentiful supply of shells in his canvas hunting coat.

### **"CURLEW BILL"**

But when he thrust his hand into the pocket for shells to load the weapon, he discovered that he had brought ten-gauge shells which, of course, were useless for the purpose. "For a few years after this unfortunate occasion," Clyde concludes his recollections, my father was affectionately known locally as 'Curlew Bill'."

E. V. Miller recalls that he came to Los Angeles in 1899 and settled permanently in Inglewood in 1903. For several years he worked as a gardener for Mrs. Grace Freeman Howland under the general eye of Jim Kew. Since then he has been in the house moving business and construction work. He moved the old city hall to the opposite side of the street so the present city hall could be built. During the second Inglewood earthquake he was moving a house for Carl Matson. About two hours before the temblor he had dismantled the chimney. Next day he got quite a laugh out of bystanders who gazed on the shattered chimney and sought to estimate the damage. The house, raised on jacks, sustained no damage.

### **MILLER AS ENGINEER**

With the City Engineering Department for four years, he helped to survey and lay out most of the present streets.

### **MRS. KATHERYN LINDBERG**

Mrs. Katheryn Lindberg wrote:

"Even in the very early days of Inglewood's history, there was much interest in schools, and whenever a new home was built in East Acres the parents lamented the fact that their children had to cross the street car tracks in order to get to the one center of education. A suitable location on the east side was therefore sought, and Dr. Hindman had two and one-half acres at the corner of Kelso and Myrtle which he offered. I willingly worked to shift the school site elsewhere, as my home at that time was opposite Dr. Hindman's land, and I did not relish the idea of noisy recesses, etc. Somewhat later, I sold the home at Kelso and Myrtle and moved to the 'wide open spaces,' purchasing two lots on Osage Avenue from the Inglewood Mercantile Company.

"No sooner had this deal been completed than I discovered that the land at Kelso and Osage, again opposite me, had been acquired for the new school site from Ed Mehegan! Well, thought I, it will be many years before the school is built, and I'll still have my peace and quiet. However, the east side soon saw the erection of many nice homes, and it was necessary to relieve the crowded conditions of the grade school. So Mrs. T. G. Stevens and I, along with several of the older families, worked with the school board and Principal George W. Crozier, with the result that in 1925 some bungalows were ready for occupancy as classrooms. Mrs. Drusilla Cropsey was principal and the succeeding years saw the erection of a fine school building.

"My own fears were, I soon discovered, entirely unfounded. Children are a sign of progress and it was most interesting to watch them at play and

as they lingered after school hours. I tried at an early date to interest the school authorities in the lunch room idea, but that was was not to come until several years later. Today, I have many pleasant hours of reflection as I watch all the little 'Mr. and Mrs. of tomorrow' from my easy chair on the porch across the way."

### **FIRST WORLD WAR VETERANS**

Inglewood High School students who served in the First World War, with a star denoting those who made the final sacrifice, were:

Miss Cara M. Keech\*, Harry Keith\*, John Cook\*, Arthur Calvert, Eugene Rice, Bert Holdaway, Milton Basham, Alfred Bestor, Ernest Underwood, Roy Mitchell, Eugene Lewin, Ralph Magee, Glenn Briggs, Lloyd Wilson, Mr. Baird, George Hutchinson, Lawrence Nelson, Raymond Wilson, Prentiss Kirk, Edward Jefferson, Preston Scroggs, Paul V. Greene, Robert Young\*, Eugene Middleton, Ernest Grayson, Lester B. Zillgitt, Alfred Nelson, Waldo Felts, Harold McMullin, Kendall Grice, Omar Brainard, Joe Sanko, George Sorum, Clint Spaulding, Robert Wilson, Horace Sollenberger, Louis Hardin, Paul Hunt, Donald Hanna, William Hudson, John Calvert, Ross Porter and Walter Stewart.

### **ELLA M. FRIEND RECALLS**

The Friend family, consisting of the late Frank S. Friend, his wife, Ella M. Friend, and son Robert (now Dr. Robert S. Friend), came from Iowa and located in Inglewood early in 1906. The Friends lived in the hotel and Mrs. Friend recalls that a clump of eucalyptus grew at the corner now occupied by Clair Spaulding's Pharmacy and that the site of the Security-First National Bank was a fenced garden spot belonging to the Gemmills. Mrs. Friend recalls:

"A few years later, Frank S. Friend was elected City Treasurer and served fourteen years, at the end of which time he retired on account of ill health.

"Previous to Mr. Friend's election the affairs of the office had been transacted by the first City Treasurer, George Brown, at the Security-First National Bank; therefore Mr. Friend was the first treasurer of Inglewood to occupy an office in the small frame City Hall on the site of our present fine building. The building consisted of two small offices and a council room. One office was occupied by James Kew, the second (and for many years following) City Clerk of Inglewood.

"When the present City Hall building was erected, Mr. Friend was given his choice of the office rooms and he selected the one still used by the City Treasurer.

### **FIRST SENTINEL M. D.**

"During all these years the son of the family attended Inglewood schools, and left a record for the one hundred-yard dash that has never been equalled. He was the first student of Inglewood High to receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He covered a six-year course at U.S.C. Medical in five years, during which time he enlisted in the Reserve Medical Corps and was honorably discharged in December, 1918, after having spent a period of time in the military hospital with a siege of influenza.

"The first ward school in Inglewood after the mother school at Queen and Grevillea was the one erected in the Fairview Heights section, now known as Centinela School. I was sent to this new school as principal and remained there for seventeen years, retiring in 1939."

Charles Mehegan, one of the earliest residents, arrived when he was one or two years of age when his parents came to reside on 160 acres on Cypress Avenue in the vicinity of 120th Street in what now is known as the Shoestring Strip. When the elder Mehegan passed away in 1884, his widow bought an eight-acre tract at what now is Olive and Oak Streets. Charles recalls that the old Santa Fe depot in the early days was surrounded by a beautiful park on three sides.

When a volunteer fireman he obtained the bell from the burned schoolhouse to use as a firebell and it was installed on the old red frame City Hall.

### **KELSO OIL FORTUNE**

William H. Kelso, Inglewood's first mayor's fortune was made when oil was discovered on the family homestead in Pennsylvania. He leased his 160 acres in 1877 and in the first year eight wells produced 200,000 barrels. A score of years later three wells still were producers.

The late W. S. (Billy) Magee, first employed on the Freeman Ranch, was the man who established Inglewood's first industry, a rolling mill. He was active in civic and business matters, served for several terms on City Council, and was the owner of valuable business property.

### **PAGEANT AND BOWL BOW**

The first production of the Pageant of Centinela Springs took place October 9, 1931, and also marked the completion of the Centinela Bowl, which was thronged to its 2,600 seating capacity, according to the first review, written by Vivian Willitts of the Inglewood Daily News. City Attorney Clyde Woodworth was mentioned as giving a prologue address.

### **GEMMILL SETS OUT TREES**

The late John Gemmill, chief engineer for the local water works since they were started, and continued in that post when it was acquired by the city until his demise a few year sago, was the man who set out the enormous spreading banyan type rubber trees on the Howland estate when it was built in the early nineties by Daniel Freeman.

The mansion, still one of the finest in the Southland, was called "Centinela" by the city's founder.

### **JOHANETS CARRY LANTERNS**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Johanet, who came here in 1908, wrote:

"Our desire for a country home attracted us to Inglewood. Although convenient to Los Angeles and the beaches via the Los Angeles & Redondo Railway, it surely was 'country.'

"No paved streets, no sidewalks, no curbs, no street lights, and coming home after dark one would stumble into and out of dust pockets or mudholes, according to the season. Many of us finally acquired the habit of carrying a lantern on dark nights.

"Very few stores. One was the Inglewood Mercantile Company at the corner of Regent and Commercial Streets. Housed under its roof were hardware, dry goods, groceries, meats and even the post office.

"Few houses had plumbing. We asked a real estate man for a house with plumbing. He said he knew just the place and took us to one that had a pipe from the sink sticking through the outside wall and discharging onto the ground. That's all the plumbing there was in that house, although we finally found one with not quiteso sketchy a plumbing system.

### **GREEN CARS LUXURIOUS**

"A majestic sight in old-time Inglewood around the 1900-1910 era was one of the big green cars of the old Los Angeles & Redondo Railway rolling importantly through the little town. There was one every forty minutes, practically always on time, always clean and never overcrowded. About the size of the P.E. cars now serving other suburban cities, they were quite luxurious, with plush seats and springs that really 'sprung,' giving Pullman-like comfort to the ride.

"Morning, the commuters could be seen converging at Kelso or Regent Streets, the only Inglewood stops. Evenings, the big green cars would unload home-coming city workers, or shoppers, some met by the family carriage, and

at least one quite grandly by an early vintage automobile. The Los Angeles Railway Corporation took over the lines of the Inglewood area in November of 1910.

"In the good old days BSM (before super markets) Inglewood housewives didn't have to go to market—and carry or push, a big basket around, loading at this shelf or that counter, and then a long wait in line until one reached the cashier who added up the cost of the load. All this followed by a similar routine in the vegetable section, then another long wait at the meat counter.

### **MARKET CAME TO HOUSEWIFE**

"No, the market came to the housewife, and came early, in the good old doys. Each morning or two or three times a week, the market boy would call, notebook in hand, to take her order and to suggest certain items especially choice that day.

"A few hours later, he would arrive with the basket of provender, including the choice cut of meat specified—and always, whether taking the order or delivering the goods, there was a cheery smile on his face and a jolly greeting for the kiddies. No standing at the cashier's desk. Usually the account ran by the month and, when paid, the customer, or the children, were rewarded with a fat bag of candy.

"Maybe this is one phase of life in which Inglewood's progress has not been for the greater comfort and convenience of the housewife."

### **MOTHER METCALF'S CHICKENS**

Mrs. Bessie Metcalf Ramsdell recalls that her mother, the late Mrs. Nellie Metcalf, who came here with her children in June of 1908, continued to raise her famous strain of poultry at her place on Arbor-Villa Square, that she developed back in Warren, Ohio, where she shipped nation-wide and even to European countries. She instructed in how to judge poultry and even was a lecturer at the University of California experimental farm at Davis. In addition to Mrs. Ramsdell there is another daughter here, Mrs. Dora Metcalf Moore, and a son, C. C. (Cy) Metcalf.

## **Trustees, Councilmen and Mayors**

- W. H. Kelso—President Board of Trustees 2-18-1908 to 4-20-1914.  
John Aerick—2-18-1908 to 4-15-1912 and from 4-17-1916 to 4-19-1920;  
President 4-15-1918 to 4-19-1920.  
L. O. Calkins—2-18-1908 to 4-15-1912.  
Harry Lee Martin—2-18-1908 to 4-15-1912, resigned.  
J. D. Cronk—2-18-1908 to 4-17-1910.  
B. F. Eshelman—4-18-1910 to 4-15-1912, resigned.  
John G. Baum—4-15-1912 to 4-17-1916.  
Louis B. Hardin—4-15-1912 to 4-17-1916; President during that time.  
Nathan G. Smith—4-15-1912 to 4-20-1914; appointed unexpired term of  
B. F. Eshelman.  
John M. Brewer—4-15-1912 to 4-20-1914; appointed unexpired term of H. L.  
Martin.  
Sanford M. Anderson—4-20-1914 to 4-15-1918.  
William S. Hudson—4-20-1914 to 4-15-1918; President 4-17-1916 to  
4-15-1918.  
William S. Magee—4-20-1914 to 4-15-1918.  
James P. Hansen—4-17-1916 to 4-19-1920.  
Charles F. Shafer—4-15-1918 to 4-25-1921, resigned.  
Claude A. Allen—4-15-1918 to 10-18-1920, resigned; President all that time.  
James A. Perrin—4-15-1918 to 3-1-1922.  
Samuel H. Spafford—4-19-1920 to 4-25-1927; President 10-26-1920 to  
5-5-1924.  
Cassius C. Griffin—4-19-1920 to 2-20-1922.  
Charles H. Hurlbert—11-1-1920 to 2-20-1922; appointed unexpired term of  
C. A. Allen.  
Carl P. Sheddan—4-25-1921 to 2-20-1922; appointed unexpired term of  
C. F. Shafer.  
John W. Glasgow—2-20-1922 to 4-25-1927.  
Thomas G. Stevens—2-20-1922 to 4-17-1922.  
Edgar E. Wilson—2-20-1922 to 4-17-1922.  
Robert Haenggi—3-13-1922 to 4-27-1931; appointed unexpired term of James  
W. Perrin.  
Charles M. Miller—4-17-1922 to 4-25-1927; President Board of Trustees  
5-5-1924 to 1-31-1927 and Mayor from 1-31-1927 to 4-25-1927.  
Earl T. Stoops—4-17-1922 to 4-22-1935.  
Hugh B. Lawrence—4-25-1927 to 4-27-1931; Mayor during that time.

Raymond V. Darby—4-25-1927 to 4-27-1931; Councilman and Mayor from 4-27-1931 to 12-5-1944, when he resigned.  
Jack Chronister—4-25-1927 to 4-22-1929.  
Jesse M. Fulbright—4-22-1929 to 4-15-1935, resigned.  
Louis B. Hardin, Jr.—4-27-1931 to 4-22-1935.  
Arval Sarles—5-4-1931 to death 2-11-1934; appointed District #1 when Mr. Darby elected Mayor.  
Ernst Leibacher—3-19-1934 to 4-20-1941; appointed at death of Mr. Sarles.  
George C. England—4-15-1935 to 4-26-1937 and 4-26-1949 to present; originally appointed unexpired term of Mr. Fulbright.  
Everett L. Simmons—4-22-1935 to present.  
Ralph D. Martin—4-22-1935 to 4-27-1943.  
Thomas E. Trulove—4-26-1937 to 1-28-1941, resigned.  
Frank Fleischhacker—4-20-1941 to 4-26-1949.  
Philip I. Haddan, Jr.—4-20-1941 to 4-24-1945.  
S. Dwight Baird—4-27-1943 to 4-22-1947.  
Ernest S. Dixon—Mayor appointed at resignation of Mr. Darby 12-5-1944 to present.  
Stanley A. Tryce—4-24-1945 to death 1-9-1949.  
Eugene B. Marzolf—4-22-1947 to present.  
Harold A. Wight—Appointed unexpired term of Mr. Tryce 1-18-1949 to 4-26-1949.  
Fred C. Jones—4-26-1949 to present.

### About the Editor . . .

No history of Inglewood could be complete without the story of its journalist, for whom what may have been the greatest expression of appreciation ever accorded a newspaperman by his home community was staged here by twenty organizations. That was in February of 1947, a few weeks after Lloyd Parke Hamilton had "retired" after a quarter-century here to devote himself to his hobbies—color photography, travel and people.

"People," however soon took precedence over his other hobbies and the retired "Citizen" editor returned to his professional field as a columnist with the "Inglewood Daily News."

Characteristic of the community-wide appreciation of Hamilton's contributions to Inglewood was the editorial published by the "News" before his retirement from the "Citizen" formally was announced, urging that he be awarded the American Legion Post 188 community service award.

"Editor Hamilton," the editorial read in part, "has been an honorable representative of a great profession, and while perhaps some might regard it rather strange that a competitor should suggest such a course of action, we are happy to go on record as saying, we of the Daily News would be happy to have Mr. Hamilton so honored."

Hamilton was awarded a special community service honor by the Post as a feature of the banquet to which twenty groups were hosts at Potrero House. City Attorney Clyde Woodworth made the principal address in which he described the power of the press as "atomic." That power, vested in Hamilton, he explained, never has been abused "because he has a fine sense of natural law and that is why his services have been so good."

Ed Ainsworth and Lynn Rogers, both of the "Los Angeles Times," on which Hamilton had been assistant state editor eight years, spoke briefly. Paul V. Greene, then Chamber of Commerce president, was master of ceremonies. Mayor E. S. Dixon was another speaker. Spargur H. Frowein presented the American Legion award. George C. Malloy, acting in behalf of the twenty sponsoring organizations, presented Hamilton with a typewriter, a mahogany desk, a study lamp and an easy chair. He's had little time to use the chair since.

William A. Hamilton, Southland artist, presented his brother with an original oil, "Sunland in the Mountains."

Hamilton was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, January 15, 1882, a son of William A. and Clara B. Hamilton. His father was an Indiana pioneer from Pennsylvania of pre-Revolutionary stock, who had served as state president of Sons of the American Revolution.

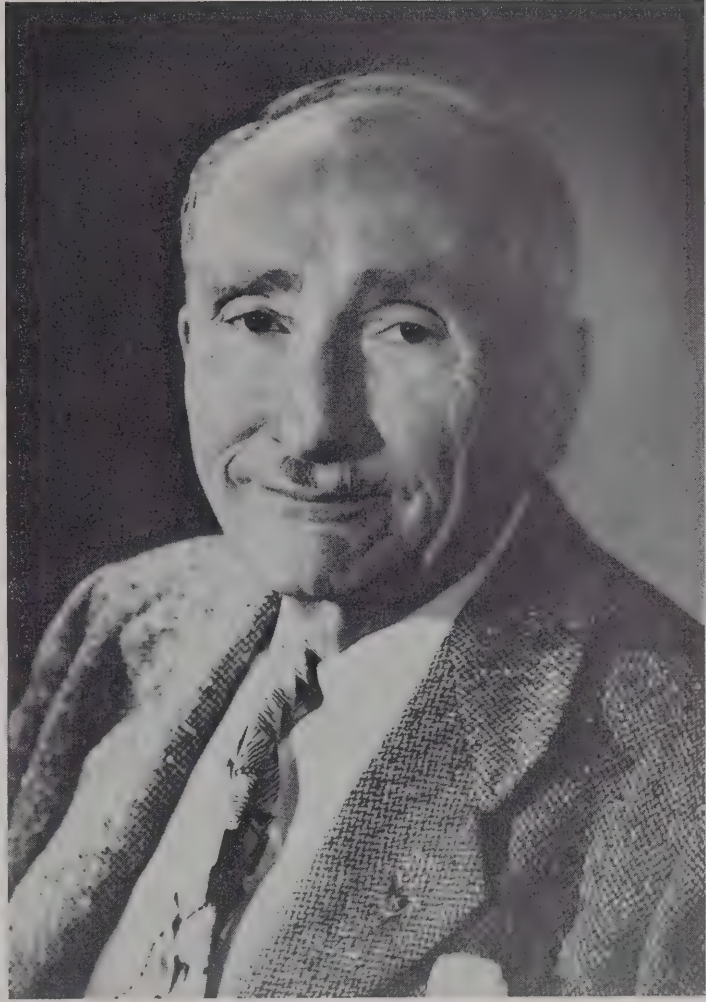
After completing his elementary and secondary schooling in Terre Haute, Hamilton attended Michigan State College at Kalamazoo, Purdue University at LaFayette, Indiana, and the University of Berlin.

Hamilton spent a year in California in 1897-98 and came to stay in 1915. Meanwhile, he traveled and reported during 1908 in Belgium, France and Germany, then settled in Berlin for 1909-11 as assistant secretary of the American Chamber of Commerce in that city.

His knowledge of journalism and foreign languages led to his return to America as a member of the staff of the "Christian Science Monitor." He "covered the water front" in Boston, home city of that newspaper, and also was a dramatic critic for the "Monitor."

His first California newspaper job was as Superior Court reporter for the old "Los Angeles Express." Later, he was city editor of the "Santa Monica Outlook," then the "Monrovia Daily News" and news editor of the "Pomona Bulletin."

He returned to Monrovia as city editor of the "News" and served in the same capacity on the "Santa Barbara Morning Press." In 1922, he won national



LLOYD P. HAMILTON



recognition, gained a world scoop and a courtesy Associated Press by-line with his coverage of the destroyer flotilla disaster at Pt. Arguello.

Physical exposure incident to the coverage of this story, however, led to a serious illness which forced his resignation to recover his health.

He settled in Inglewood and when his health permitted became city editor of the "Californian" which he built from a weekly to a daily publication. This was followed by his eight-year stint at the "Los Angeles Times," after which he returned for a like period as news editor of the "Inglewood Daily News."

Again illness overtook him and he came out of the hospital, following serious surgery, with no job. Upon his recuperation, however, he became editor of the "Inglewood Citizen" and held that post until his 1947 "retirement." His daily column in the "News" is called "Every Day."

Hamilton left his imprint on other communities as well as Inglewood. He, for example, was one of two men who first furthered the founding of the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona.

He is the only man in Inglewood who, due to a series of circumstances, has been a member of Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis. He had been secretary of the Lions Club in Pomona and a member of Rotary in Monrovia and Santa Barbara. He followed that same sequence in Inglewood and today is a Kiwanian.

Hamilton is a former member of the Inglewood City Board of Education. He also is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is an honorary member of the Inglewood Board of Realtors, the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Inglewood 20-30 Club. He is a life member of Club Gunga Din in Hawthorne.

His religious denomination is Presbyterian.

He has two sons, both Army Air Forces veterans. William A. Hamilton III of Los Angeles is a son by his late wife, Vera Sawin Osgood Hamilton, whom he married in Boston in 1912 and who died in Pomona in 1920. Frederic Bateman Hamilton, a student at El Camino Junior College, is the son of the former Kathryn Jane Bateman of Salida, Colorado, whom he married at Santa Barbara in 1923. Of pioneer Colorado stock, her ancestry goes back to Colonial days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton now reside at 613 East Queen Street. They were pioneers of Morningside Park. Mrs. Hamilton teaches at the William H. Kelso Elementary School. She is the daughter of Fred L. and the late Mrs. Bateman of Salida and a lineal descendant of Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island, and of Maj. John Buttrick, who ordered the firing of "the shot heard 'round the world" at Concord Bridge on the 19th day of April, 1775.

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